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## Wall Street Bounces But Bear Still Lurks

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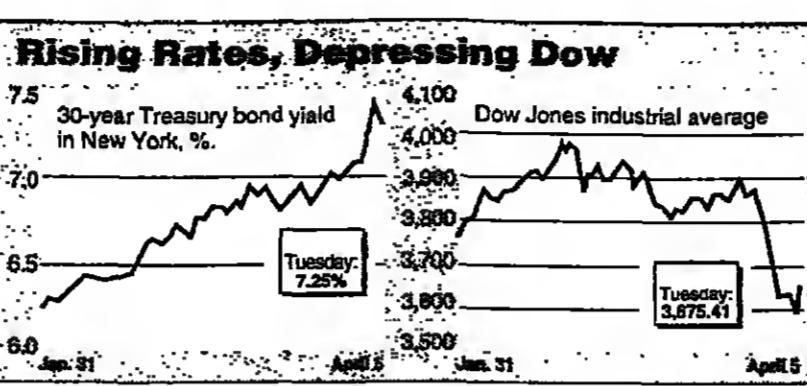
NEW YORK — Wall Street bounced back Tuesday in a sign of the volatility that traders said they expected to last for weeks if not longer. As it has in recent days, the frightened and fickle bond market set the tone.

Within a half-hour of the New York Stock Exchange's opening bell, the Dow Jones industrial average had risen 54 points, more than erasing Monday's loss of almost 43 points. The surge Tuesday forced the imposition of computerized trading curbs, which work on the upside as well as the down, for

the second straight day. Advancing issues led decliners by an almost 7-to-1 ratio, the reverse of the situation during Monday's slide. The Dow hovered near that level for most of the rest of the day, and closed up 82.06 points at 3,675.41. Other indices also rose, especially the Nasdaq index, which gained 22.64 points, to 750.05.

Fund managers were looking for bargains at the start of the quarter and snapped up everything from small stocks to blue-chips such as Caterpillar and J. P. Morgan to utilities, which have suffered from rising interest rates.

The gains were a breather from the mar-



ket's 10 percent decline this year. Larry Wachiel, of Prudential Securities, said turnarounds like Tuesday's "can sustain a bounce for a couple of days, but you never see a crack like that and then find yourself in a bull

market. I think the free-fall is over, but not necessarily the correction." Interest rates on 30-year Treasury bonds.

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## Frustrated, Berlusconi Halted Talks With Alliance

By Alan Cowell  
*New York Times Service*

ROME — After a week of bickering within his triumphant, rightist electoral alliance, the media tycoon Silvio Berlusconi said late Tuesday he was suspending negotiations with his truculent partners aimed at welding together a government-in-waiting.

It was not clear if the development meant that the rightist alliance had fallen apart completely. However, the announcement threw Italian politics into disarray and took much of the luster off an electoral landslide just one week ago that many cast as a herald of change.

Mr. Berlusconi had believed he could bring

The Italian election marked a fundamental change to winner-takes-all politics. Page 2.

Milan's snappy business techniques to government. But he found himself in a collision with the more familiar logisms of political maneuvering and ill-disguised power-plays. And his decision to suspend the negotiations raised the stakes to their highest levels yet.

"Enough of the duplicity and the old games of the old politics," Mr. Berlusconi declared.

"From today we will not go to the League or to anyone else," he said in a reference to the separatist Northern League, whose rough-tongued leader, Umberto Bossi, issued his latest broadside against the media magnate Tuesday, calling him "Berluskaizer" and saying democracy would be jeopardized if the businessman fulfilled his ambition to become prime minister.

While there was a clear element of political maneuvering in Mr. Berlusconi's announcement, he said that, rather than pursue negotiations, he would wait until President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro decided whom to ask to form a government.

Under constitutional rules, Mr. Scalfaro cannot do that until the new parliament elected in the March 27-28 elections meets on April 15 to elect the speakers of its upper and lower houses. If that process failed to produce a government, Mr. Berlusconi said, "we have no fear of going back to the electorate," apparently raising the possibility of new elections to pressure his allies back into line.

In last week's ballot, a 366-seat absolute majority in the 630-member lower house went to the rightist alliance composed of Mr. Berlusconi's Forza Italia party, the Northern League and the neofascist National Alliance led by Gianfranco Fini. Official results gave Mr. Berlusconi 155 seats, Mr. Bossi 106 and Mr. Fini 103, although Mr. Bossi now says his party won more. The figures mean that all three components of the alliance are vital to retaining a majority.

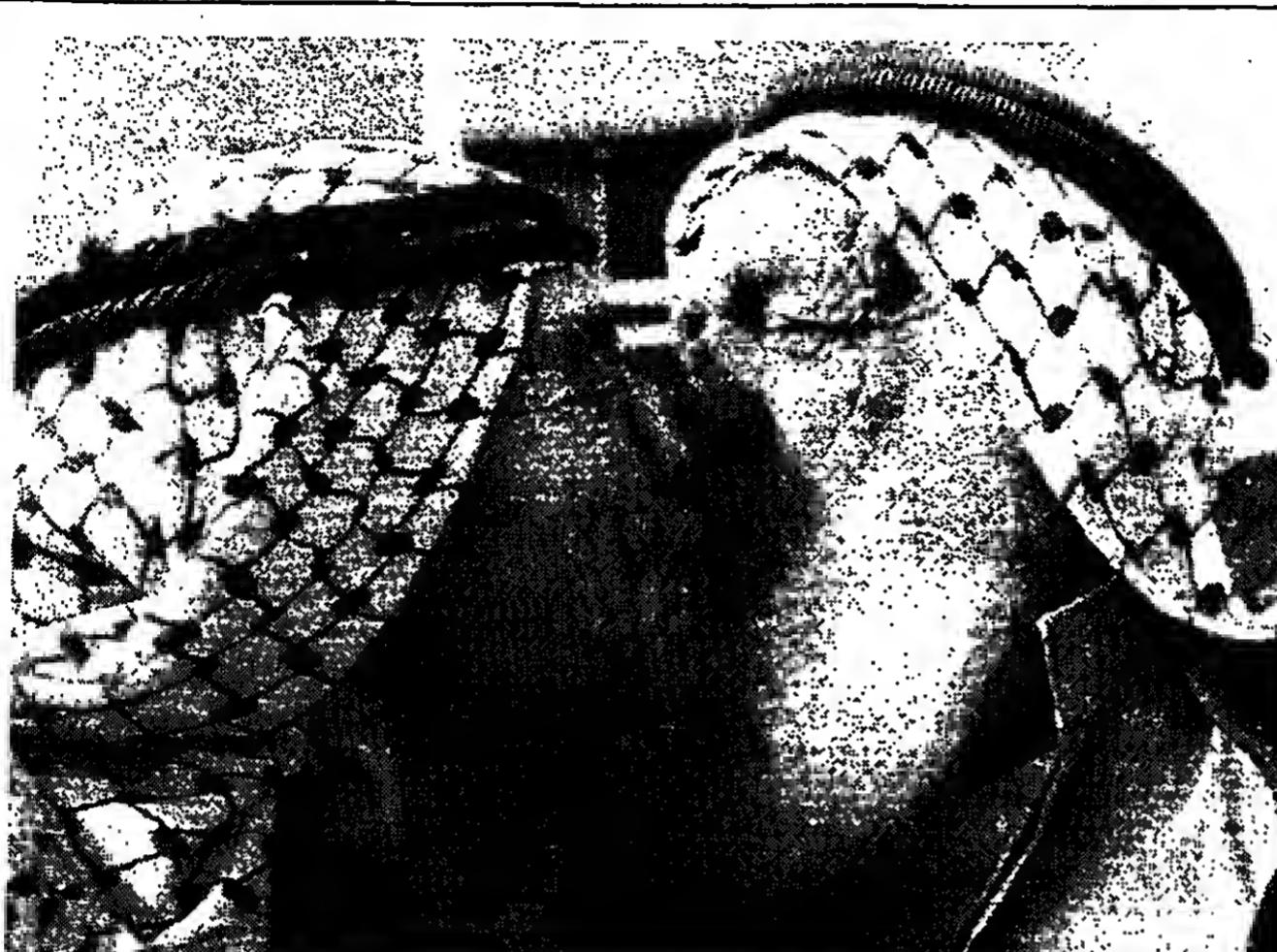
Mr. Berlusconi had planned to meet Wednesday with Mr. Bossi to continue the weeklong effort to agree on a government platform and a sharing of portfolios so that the alliance could respond quickly to a request by Mr. Scalfaro to form a government.

However, in a typically unruly tirade, Mr. Bossi renewed his objections to Mr. Berlusconi becoming prime minister.

"Beware of Berluskaizer," Mr. Bossi said, running Mr. Berlusconi's name together with the title of the German kaisers of yore.

"Berlusconi is the problem because, thanks to his TV, he can manipulate public opinion," he said. "Because of this we say we are in a state

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GOING HOME — Palestinian deportees embracing before the one at left returned to the West Bank from Jordan. Page 5.

## Panel Throws KwaZulu Vote Into Doubt

By Paul Taylor  
*Washington Post Service*

EMPANGENI, South Africa — Voting is not feasible in the black homeland of KwaZulu in the current climate of fear, intolerance, intimidation and violence, the commission running South Africa's first democratic, multiracial election announced Tuesday night in an interim finding.

With just three weeks until the April 26-28 vote, the gloomy report from the Independent Electoral Commission's chairman, Johann Krieger, will increase the pressure on a politi-

cal summit on the KwaZulu crisis scheduled for Friday.

It will be attended by President Frederik W. de Klerk, Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi of the Inkatha Freedom Party and the Zulu king, Goodwill Zwelithini.

Mr. Mandela said Tuesday night he had "grave reservations" about the election commission's report and said any delay in the balloting "would be playing into the hand of those who don't want the election to take place." He said he had "new proposals" to

make to the king in the hope of breaking the impasse.

Both Mr. Buthelezi, who is chief minister of KwaZulu, and King Zwelithini have called for an election boycott, saying the new post-apartheid constitution does not give enough power to the regions and fails to accommodate the Zulu assertion of sovereignty.

KwaZulu is the largest of South Africa's 10 black homelands created under apartheid and is home to some 5.5 million blacks, the vast majority of them Zulus. All 10 homelands are

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## U.S. on Spot Over Jailed China Dissident

By Lena H. Sun  
*Washington Post Service*

BEIJING — The rest of China's most prominent political dissident, Wei Jingsheng, appears to see the United States and China on a collision course over human rights.

Unless Mr. Wei is released soon, this second arrest is likely to seriously undermine efforts by the Clinton administration to argue that China is making the kind of progress on human rights needed to merit an extension of Beijing's nonrestrictive trading status known as most-favored-nation status.

"When they've arrested China's most important dissident, it is very hard for State Department officials to say China is making significant progress on human rights," said Robin Munro, Hong Kong director for Human Rights Watch/Asia.

The move appears to be a calculated risk by the ruling Chinese Communist Party. Despite negative repercussions over Mr. Wei's deten-

tion, Chinese leaders seem to be betting that American economic interests will ultimately prevail over human rights concerns.

The community held belief among Chinese officials and Western analysts here is that the United States, fearing of being shut out of the world's biggest emerging market, will find a way to renew China's trading status in early June.

Mr. Wei, 43, was detained Friday by seven carloads of police as he was returning to the capital from the nearby port of Tianjin. He spent most of last month traveling outside of Beijing, apparently under pressure from the authorities.

The authorities are now saying that Mr. Wei is "being interrogated and placed under surveillance by the Beijing Public Security Department" because "he violated the law on many occasions and he is suspected of having committed new crimes when he was deprived of his political rights and on parole," the official Xin-

hua press agency said. It did not say what the new offenses were, or where he was being held.

In Beijing, the U.S. Embassy said it had expressed concern about Mr. Wei's situation.

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## Serb Forces Advance Into Bosnian Enclave

### U.S. Efforts For Peace Near A Standstill

By Roger Cohen  
*New York Times Service*

PARIS — After six weeks of rapid progress that raised hopes for an overall Bosnian settlement, U.S. attempts to settle the Balkan conflict are floundering, beset by a worsening military situation on the ground and a diplomatic impasse over what territorial concessions are needed for peace.

On the one hand, U.S. officials said, a Serbian offensive on the Muslim-held eastern Bosnian enclave of Gorazde and on Muslim civilians in northwestern Bosnia has posed the question of whether the Bosnian Serbs are seriously interested in a settlement.

On the other, they said, the Muslim-led Bosnian government has been showing growing resistance to an American proposal that it should accept a peace settlement offering the recently formed Muslim-Croat federation 51

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percent of the territory of Bosnia-Herzegovina, and is pressing for considerably more land.

The Bosnian Serbs, after two years of war, control 72 percent of the territory and would thus have to reduce their share to 49 percent under this U.S. proposal, which has been agreed on with the British, French and German governments.

"We're not prepared to go beyond 51 percent for the Muslims, which is the position we have agreed with the Europeans and that Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic had indicated last year would be acceptable," said one official close to the U.S. diplomatic efforts. "But the Muslims are now saying they want all ethnically cleansed land back, and there's just no way you can fit that into 51 percent."

The combination of Serb brutality in Gorazde and Prijedor and the hardening position of Mr. Izetbegovic's government has called the diplomatic efforts led by the U.S. special envoy, Charles Krulak, to a virtual standstill, officials said.

"Right now, we're treading water," said a second official. "There was enormous movement in recent weeks and a hope that the improvement in Sarajevo would have an ameliorating effect elsewhere. Those hopes are floundering. There are worrying troop movements on all sides and no sign of a turnaround across the board."

Conflicting reports exist on the intensity of the Serbian attack on Gorazde, and U.S. officials believe accounts from Sarajevo radio are probably exaggerated.

But whatever its true extent, the attack is clearly not compatible with an earnest Serbian desire for a settlement. Indeed, U.S. officials believe it looks more like a way to buy off — and a reflection of the divergent positions among Serbian leaders in both Serbia and Bosnia.

These divergences appear to be increasingly marked. President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia is eager to find a settlement because his priority is to ensure the lifting of crippling sanctions on the rump Yugoslavia state.

But the Serbian military commander in Bosnia, General Ratko Mladic, is opposed to the surrender of any captured land, and convinced that the goal of a "Greater Serbia" is best served by the prosecution of the war.

"Mladic remains hard-core," said one official. "He's not budging from land where Serbian soldiers have sacrificed their lives."

The latest Serbian offensive in Gorazde and the wave of killings and forced evictions of Muslims in Prijedor followed a shattering personal tragedy for General Mladic. His 23-year-old daughter, Ana, a fifth-year medical student

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### Troops Only 2 Miles From City of Gorazde

By Chuck Sudetic  
*New York Times Service*

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Nationalist Serbian fighters poured through breached Bosnian Army defense lines around the UN-declared "safe area" of Gorazde Tuesday, setting fire to a dozen villages in their path and forcing more than a thousand Muslims to flee. United Nations officials here said.

"The Serbs are going for it," said a UN official. "They are going to at least try to take over the eastern end of the pocket and push the Muslims over the river."

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, referred to the Drina River, which bisects the Gorazde pocket.

"The Serbs moved ahead one kilometer north to the river," the official said.

Another United Nations official said the Bosnia Serbian forces had advanced northward to within two miles (three kilometers) of the city of Gorazde, which is jammed with refugees.

In Washington, the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff said Tuesday that the use of allied air power would not be appropriate to break the siege of Gorazde. Reuters reported.

"I think the conditions were very different," said General John Shalikashvili, referring to Sarajevo, where the United States supported the threat of intervention with air power to force Serbian forces to pull back. "Those same conditions might once again come to pass in Gorazde, and then I'm sure NATO will re-evaluate its stance," he said.

Bosnian radio, whose accounts from Gorazde over the last week have mostly been borne out by subsequent United Nations reports, said Tuesday night that a total of 73 people had been killed and about 300 wounded in the eight-day-old Serbian offensive.

The spokesman in Sarajevo for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Kris Janowski, said that UN aid workers in Gorazde had confirmed 52 dead and 249 wounded.

"Refugees from about eight villages have arrived in Gorazde," Mr. Janowski said, estimating that about 1,500 uprooted people had sought shelter in private homes, schools and other institutional buildings in Gorazde.

"Practically all the civilians south of the Drina bend have been dislocated," he said, indicating that some Muslims fleeing villages south of the town of Gorazde had crossed the Drina River from the east bank, seeking shelter.

The Serbian offensive showed no signs of easing despite the fact that the senior UN military commander in Bosnia, Lieutenant General Michael Rose, was scheduled to visit Gorazde on Wednesday.

Serbian infantry and tank assaults late Tuesday were most bitter from the direction of Ustipraca, a Serb-held village north of Gorazde, Sarajevo radio said. New, heavy Serbian artillery barrages began in front-line positions in the area about 4:30 P.M., it said.

Except for penetrations of Serb-held territory by Muslim commando units, Gorazde's 65,000 people have been cut off since last May from the central swath of Bosnia that is controlled by Bosnian Army forces.

Bosnian Army officers in Sarajevo said that the defenders of Gorazde were dangerously low on ammunition.

UN observers reported last week that one of the Serbs' objectives was to take over a weapons assembly facility on the Drina's east bank inside the town.

The Serbs clearly covet Gorazde because it lies along the Drina as well as a main highway linking Serbia's capital, Belgrade, with the Serb-held towns farther upstream and the Croatian resort city of Dubrovnik.

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## U.S. Says Saddam Offers Bounties

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The United States charged Tuesday that Saddam Hussein's government was offering bounties of up to \$10,000 to anyone killing UN workers and other foreigners in northern Iraq.

The United States strongly condemns recent attacks against United Nations personnel and journalists in northern Iraq over the past several weeks," a State Department spokesman, Michael McCurry, said.

At United Nations headquarters in New York, a spokesman said two UN guards were wounded Tuesday in an attack on a convoy in a Kurdish region of northern Iraq.

A Kurdish group blamed Mr. Saddam for the death of the only permanent foreign journalist in Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq. Lissy Schmidt, 35, a German free-lance correspondent for Agence France-Presse and German media, was shot dead along with her bodyguard in an ambush Sunday.

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## In Italy, Election Marks a Shift to Winner-Takes-All Politics

By Alan Cowell  
New York Times Service

ROME — If Italy's election turns out to herald the peaceful revolution some forecast before the vote, the reason will not just lie in new faces and new promises of change after years of corruption and stagnation.

Rather, the most fundamental change will be in the relationship between winner and loser, between a government and an opposition that will have to digest the most shocking implication of the vote: In Italy's new political system, the winner takes almost everything and the loser gets virtually nothing.

For more than 40 years, Italian politics developed on a system the Italians call *consociativismo*, which demanded the compromise and pain-easing that co-opted the government's opponents into the machinery of power. Even in opposition, the Communists — now called the Demo-

cratic Party of the Left — kept a solid share of the spoils.

The Communists controlled one of the three state-run television channels, just as the Christian Democrats and the Socialists did. They provided the speaker of Parliament and the heads of important parliamentary commissions. Business cooperatives set up by the party shared in big state contracts. Legislation on labor

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rights, pensions and health care preempted serious opposition to successive Christian Democrat-led coalitions as politicians and businessmen plundered the state coffers.

"They were never in government," said Paolo Viola, a historian in Palermo, "but they were always part of the power structure."

Last week, though, when a rightist alli-

ance led by the media magnate Silvio Berlusconi surged to victory, it did so under a new legislative political system that broke with the proportional representation underpinning this worn-out pact between government and opposition, the central principle of Italy's political culture.

And now, the left — embedded in Italian politics for decades, since the struggle against fascism — faces a reappraisal as profound as it confronted after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

Sighs that Mr. Berlusconi's alliance wants to play these old rules to the full are already apparent.

Gianfranco Fini, the neo-fascist leader whose 105 parliamentary seats are crucial to the right's 366-seat majority in the lower house, said in a recent interview: "Enough with *consociativismo* in management, in government. Nobody can stress it more than me."

He threatened "a radical renewal of

the 40-year-old nomenclature of this country" — a warning that applied as much to the left as it did to the former Christian Democrats, who emerged from the election with only 46 lower house seats.

Massimo d'Alema, deputy leader of the former Communists, has expressed fears that "delicate balances" will be upset by the vote.

"If the majority does not respect the minority," he said, "we will end up not in Europe but in certain parts of Latin America."

Under the new electoral system, Italians chose three-quarters of the lower house of Parliament under a direct-voting system in each district, and the remaining 25 percent under the old proportional system. Voters cast one vote for an individual candidate and one vote for the party of their choice.

In the party vote, the Democratic Par-

ty of the Left ran a close second to Mr. Berlusconi's Forza Italia party.

Forza Italia secured 21 percent of the vote and the former Communists 20.4 percent, which is 4 percent higher than their share of the ballot in the last national elections in 1992. They were bolstered by surprise victories in part of the conservative south, which had traditionally supported the defunct Christian Democrats.

Because Forza Italia is aligned with two other major rightist parties, its coalition has 58 percent of the seats, while the former Communists and their weaker allies have only 34 percent of the total.

But the fact that the leftists showed such strong voter support gives them reason for hope. Moreover, they remain probably the best-organized, deepest-rooted and widest-spread group among the main players to emerge from last week's election. But they have yet to define how they will build credentials as a credible alternative.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Britain Bars Talks During IRA Truce

DUBLIN (Reuters) — Hours before the Irish Republican Army's most important cease-fire since 1975, Britain stuck firmly on Tuesday to its view that the unilateral three-day truce was not enough to unlock a stalled peace process.

But Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, said it still hoped that London would use the break in fighting to contact it to explain a British-Irish peace offer. The cease-fire could then become open-ended, Sinn Fein has hinted. But Britain remained unimpressed.

"What is needed is not a three-day cease-fire, after which the killing would begin again, but a permanent end to violence," a British government spokesman said Tuesday.

### New Tally of Space Shots Gone Awry

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Since the space age began, 271 missions have failed or malfunctioned and two-thirds of the failures were Soviet or Russian, according to a new study released on Tuesday.

Of the 271 missions cited, 108 were considered failures. They included infamous tragedies, such as the 1986 shuttle Challenger disaster, as well as less costly, unmanned missions that went awry. The study by the Virginia-based Teal space consulting company said 71 of the payload failures since 1958 were Soviet or Russian in origin, and 34 were American. It did not give the total number of successful missions.

The Soviet-made Cosmos satellite accounted for more than half of the Soviet payload failures. Most of the U.S. payload failures occurred during the 1960s. About one dozen of the failures were unmanned planetary probes in that decade, but three major missions failed in 1992 and 1993.

### Malaysia Warns on 'Schindler's List'

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — Malaysia warned the distributor of the Holocaust film "Schindler's List" on Tuesday that it could not demand that the movie be shown here under any circumstances.

The warning followed a cabinet decision last week to lift a ban on the film, which Malaysian censors had rejected as propaganda designed to gain support for Israel and Jews. At the time, it was said that the film still might be subject to cuts, particularly of scenes depicting sex or violence. United International Pictures then said that the Academy Award-winning movie, directed by Steven Spielberg, would not be screened in Malaysia if any scenes were cut.

"Don't point a pistol at us while asking for something," Deputy Home Minister Megat Juniti Megat Ayoh said on Tuesday. "Spielberg does not run this country."

### Children Were in Cockpit, Panel Says

MOSCOW (Reuters) — A Russian government commission investigating the crash of an Aeroflot Airbus 310 that killed all 75 people aboard confirmed Tuesday that one of the cockpit crew was showing his children how to pilot the plane minutes before it went down. A commission statement did not say directly that this was the reason for the March 23 crash in Siberia.

The statement said the flight recorders showed the scheduled flight from Moscow to Hong Kong was proceeding without any problems until it had passed over the Siberian city of Novokuznetsk.

It then said: "It was established that present in the cockpit were the son and a daughter of a crew member who, in violation of flight rules, was demonstrating and explaining to them the principles of piloting a plane. Four minutes after passing Novokuznetsk, the plane diverted to the right more than it should, which resulted in a sharp loss of altitude and collision with the ground."

### Delhi Protesters Attack Trade Pact

NEW DELHI (Reuters) — Several policemen and demonstrators were injured Tuesday as tens of thousands of people protested against the government's acceptance of a world trade agreement.

Witnesses said the police had been hurt by stones thrown by some in the crowd protesting the pact reached late last year by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and due to be ratified next week in Morocco. The protesters, from trade unions and agricultural, youth and women's groups, said the agreement was against India's interests.

The government denies the demonstrators' claim that the pact would allow foreign companies to patent the high-yielding seeds that in the 1960s set off the "green revolution" that made India largely self-sufficient in food grains. Some of the protesters also say that India's new market-oriented economic program favors the rich.

### Rutskoi Calls for Ouster of Yeltsin

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Former Vice President Alexander V. Rutskoi began a campaign on Tuesday to remove President Boris N. Yeltsin from office, dealing a new blow to the Russian leader's hopes for a political truce.

In a confrontational interview published in Pravda, Mr. Rutskoi, 46, called Russia's leaders swindlers and villains and ruled out any chance of reconciliation. In October, Mr. Rutskoi led a violent uprising against Mr. Yeltsin, whose five-year term ends in mid-1996. Mr. Rutskoi was freed from prison in February after he was granted amnesty by the parliament.

"There should be no illusions about the possibility of any changes for the better under this president and this government," he said. "That is why it is necessary to stop playing with consensus agreements and get down to work — to change the authorities by legal methods."

## TRAVEL UPDATE

### Strike May Shut Paris-Area Museums

PARIS (Reuters) — Labor unions threatened to close some of France's leading museums in a 24-hour strike planned for Wednesday to back demands for higher wages and better working conditions.

The Democratic Labor Federation said the stoppage could close the Louvre and Orsay museums in Paris and the Versailles palace near the capital, and cause severe disruption at other museums. Four unions are organizing the strike, saying the museums' staff of 2,500 were getting insufficient pay for increasingly complex duties.

Paris authorities braced for a subway and bus strike Thursday over feared job losses in a proposed transport reform bill for the capital region. The work stoppage, called by most of the transport unions, is expected to be widely observed and cause major disruptions.

Lego, the Danish toymaker, said it would build its first theme park outside Denmark at Britain's old Windsor Safari Park, to the west of London.

Greek tobacco growers blocked road and rail links between Athens and the northern port of Saloniaka for a fifth day on Tuesday to protest low wages.

Foreign tour groups stormed by bombings at Istanbul's historic sites are canceling vacations to Turkey in large numbers. A Spanish man and a Ukrainian woman were killed and 13 people were wounded in a bomb explosion at the city's 15-century covered market on Saturday, the second attack on the bazaar in 10 days. Four people were hurt in a blast there on March 24. Three tourists were injured in a blast in the garden of the 6th-century Hagia Sophia basilica on March 27.

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## Japan's Reactor Puts It on Path to Fuel Independence

By T. R. Reid  
Washington Post Service

SHIRAKI, Japan — Japan took an important step along its bold and controversial course toward energy independence Tuesday when engineers flawlessly started a sustained nuclear reaction in an experimental plutonium-fueled power plant.

The Monju reactor plant, a big inverted concrete thumb, is a \$6 billion prototype of a chain of breeder reactors the Japanese plan to build around this archipelago, which has no fossil fuel resources.

Breeder reactors have been run on a smaller scale in the United States for decades. They are designed to breed new fuel at the same time they produce heat — like a fireplac that burns all night but has more logs the next morning than it started with.

When the Monju reactor was planned a generation ago, this seemed perfect for a power-hungry industrial nation that has to import virtually all its energy supply. But today the plan looks less attractive, because the fuel it breeds is plutonium, a dangerously toxic material that can be used for nuclear bombs, and is currently in oversupply around the world.

Mindful of criticism, particularly

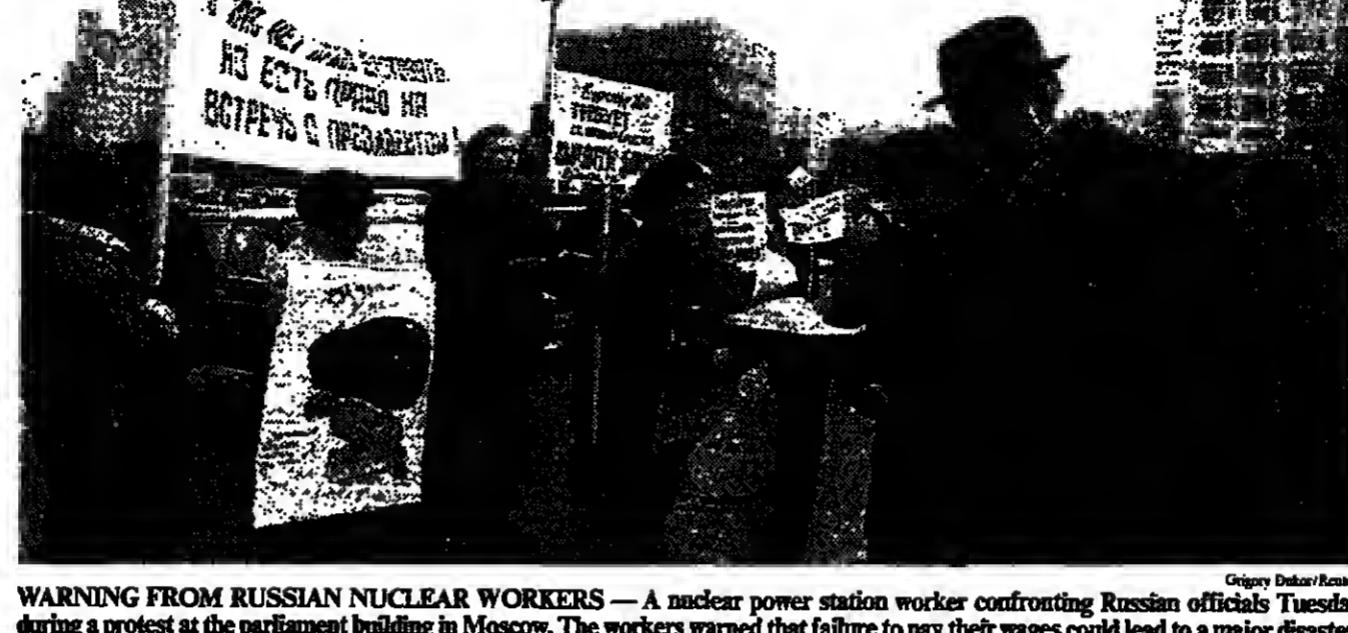
from foreign environmental groups, officials here are now stressing another aspect of their breeder-reactor concept: with some design changes, a reactor like the Monju can be made to consume rather than breed plutonium.

If that is possible, breeder reactors might be beneficial to the U.S. and other countries now saddled with plutonium supplies — left over from Cold War nuclear weapons — that nobody has found a good way to dispose of. Burning the plutonium in electric power plants might provide an alternative.

Whether or not it turns out to be helpful, the breeder reactor technology has been expensive. The plant here was years behind schedule in reaching Tuesday's chain reaction, or "initial criticality," and it cost far more than a normal reactor plant of the same size.

This has been embarrassing to Japan's utility industry and the government, particularly since there is a glut of uranium fuel and plutonium is more expensive and more dangerous.

But the Japanese are thinking ahead. "This is a plan for the 21st century, or the 22nd century," said Satsuki Eda, director of Japan's



WARNING FROM RUSSIAN NUCLEAR WORKERS — A nuclear power station worker confronting Russian officials Tuesday during a protest at the parliament building in Moscow. The workers warned that failure to pay their wages could lead to a major disaster.

Science and Technology Agency.

"Japan is poor in energy resources, so we have to use the power of our technology to build a future for ourselves."

Japan is the financial and technological leader of Asia, and its commitment to nuclear plants to meet future power needs is being followed all over the world's most populous continent. While nuclear development has been stalled because of political opposition in Europe and the United States, China, South Korea, and the developing nations of Southeast Asia are moving strongly into nuclear power production.

An electric power plant is basically a big tea pot. Water in a large pot is heated, and the steam drives turbines to make electricity.

A coal- or oil-fueled plant works something like a kitchen stove, with a fire to boil the water. This is cheap, at least for countries with ready access to coal or oil, but it produces air pollution and the "greenhouse gases" some believe cause global warming.

In a nuclear plant, a controlled atomic reaction releases heat energy to replace the fire. With no burning fuel, there is no air pollution and no increase in global warming.

The downside is that nuclear plants pose the threat of an atomic accident, like those that made Three Mile Island and Chernobyl part of everyone's disaster language. Disposal of used fuel is also difficult.

This possibility has yet proven to be a political block to nuclear development here.

The Japanese have more faith both in the wisdom of government regulators and in the virtues of technology than have Americans and others. Moreover, the Japanese safety record in the 42 reactors operating now has been excellent, according to Allen E. Dubberley, a

General Electric engineer who was the U.S. observer here.

Accordingly, the Japanese public has been essentially passive — not eagerly supportive of nuclear power, but not agitated against it, either. Most of the opposition to Japan's plutonium reactor plan has come from American and British anti-nuclear groups.

Tuesday's long-awaited chain reaction at Monju was the chief reason for the day all over Japan. But only a scattered group of protesters gathered on the sandy beach here, beating drums and chanting. A planned demonstration in Tokyo, meanwhile, drew just eight people, according to news reports.

## Pyongyang Sees Shades of 1950

War Could Break Out at Any Moment, North Korea Says

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches  
TOKYO — The official North Korean press agency said Tuesday that war clouds were hanging over the Korean Peninsula, with the situation closely resembling that of the eve of the 1950-53 Korean conflict.

"And U.S. vessels including a nuclear aircraft carrier are at so close a range that they can reach the coastal area of Korea within 24 hours."

The news agency cited the call by South Korea's president, Kim Young Sam, to his military chiefs to set up what it called a thoroughgoing alert posture against the North, a South Korean military alert and a visit by the country's prime minister to frontline units.

These and several other ominous developments, the agency said, "tell that the situation on the Korean Peninsula resembles that on the eve of the past Korean War."

Although North Korea insists that U.S. and South Korean forces attacked northward on June 25, 1950, history generally records that it was the North that launched a massive invasion on that day.

The war seemed lost for the United States and South Korea until General Douglas MacArthur landed a UN-mandated force at Inchon, on the Yellow Sea coast, threatening the North's supply lines and causing China to intervene on North Korea's side.

The war became stalemate, and it was not until 1953 that the two sides signed the truce that has maintained a tense peace on the peninsula ever since.

It added: "Overseas-based war-

planes of various types are flying from U.S. Air Force bases in South Korea on the heels of the other, and the airlifted aggressor troops and lethal equipment are being deployed in operational zones."

Mr. Rutskoi, a Jewish community leader, Franciszek Alexander, told Reuters.

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia — Vandals damaged more than 60

gravestones at a Jewish cemetery in western Slovakia during the weekend, Slovak Jewish leaders said on Tuesday.

Some tombstones were "uprooted

with great force, but one some

appeared to have been hit with a hammer,"

Mr. Alexander, who visited the

wrecked cemetery at Vrbovce, said

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Passover and Easter religious holidays.

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## Aides Raise Clinton Welfare Plan's Cost

By Jason Deparle

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton's plan to overhaul the welfare system could cost much more in the long run than previously disclosed, possibly adding \$58 billion to welfare costs over 10 years, according to a memorandum presented to Mr. Clinton.

The document also says the president should understand that "in rare circumstances" his plan to enforce a two-year limit on welfare benefits could leave families "homeless or unable to care for their children."

The memorandum, drafted by the administration's working group on welfare, provides the most detailed information yet about the decisions Mr. Clinton faces in trying to fulfill one of his most popular campaign pledges.

## Mexican Inquiry Still Seeks A Motive

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

MEXICO CITY — The assassination of the presidential candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio last month was a conspiracy, but authorities said Tuesday that investigators were still trying to determine who had ordered the killing and why.

Miguel Montes Garcia, the government's special investigator, said Monday that five suspects, including the alleged killer, were in custody and that two others were being sought in the murder of the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party's candidate in the election scheduled for August.

But in his second statement since he was put in charge of the inquiry, Mr. Montes was still unable to provide a motive for the killing on March 23 or to say who might have been behind it.

Mr. Montes did not say whether there was any link among the seven suspects, all of whom — apart from the alleged killer, Mario Aburto Martinez, 23 — hindered the movements of Mr. Colosio as he was leaving a campaign rally in Tijuana.

He said the suspects had been identified from photographs and a videotape.

Among the questions still unanswered, perhaps the most intriguing is why two .38-caliber bullets fired at Mr. Colosio had opposite trajectories: right to left for the one fired into his temple, and left to right for the bullet that pierced his abdomen.

Mr. Montes also said nothing about the security arrangements for Mr. Colosio's rally, or on why its venue had been changed at the last minute, depriving him of an emergency escape route.

The new evidence contradicted the theory put forth by some government officials earlier that Mr. Aburto had been a deranged gunman acting alone.

Those people spent time in the police, and it would seem that they were professionals," an official familiar with the investigation said of two of the new suspects. As to who might have hired them, however, he said, "That is still not at all clear."

Just over a week after the assassination, the PRI — which has never lost a national election since coming to power in Mexico in more than 60 years ago — chose Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon, 42, as its new candidate.

(AP, NYT)

## AMERICAN TOPICS

### Big Business Uses a Name Game Trying to Carve Out Small Niches

Marketers spend large amounts of time and money to establish their brand names or corporate identities. But sometimes, The New York Times notes, they take equally elaborate measures to cloak the origin of their products — usually for reasons of image or snob appeal.

Campbell, renowned for its homey canned soup, also markets the somewhat more exotic Godiva chocolates — but under the name of a subsidiary company. Barley & Jaynes wine coolers were ostensibly sold by a couple of small-town bottlers from their front porch. But Mr. Barley and Mr. Jaynes were fictitious. The brand is produced by the E. & J. Gallo Winery, the largest vintner in the United States.

Other instances include Zima clear malt beverage, labeled by a small-time brewer of that name. But Zima is in fact the Memphis, Tennessee, plant of the giant Coors Brewing Co. Icehouse ice-brewed beer is marketed by the friendly sounding Plank Road Brewery. It is owned by Miller, another huge brewer. Plank Road was Miller's original name from 1855 to 1873.

In like manner, Toyota entered the luxury-car market as Lexus, rather than under its established lower-priced nameplate.

### About People

Peggy Noonan, who wrote speeches for Ronald Reagan and George Bush, and is now writing on her own, says, "I'm furiously re-reading 'Middlemarch,' the George Eliot novel which is being revised by her publisher, Random House, in the Modern Library series. She adds, "Have you noticed that everyone reads these days? No one ever reads Trollope. They're always rereading Trollope."

The memorandum outlines what aides are calling a "Cadillac version" of a welfare proposal, but it acknowledges that its cost may force Mr. Clinton to adopt a more modest plan.

The president deferred that decision at a cabinet meeting two weeks ago. An administration official, who asked not to be identified, predicted on Monday that the president would adopt a version that would add \$35 billion in welfare costs over 10 years.

Mr. Clinton has promised to deliver a bill this spring that would expand training programs for people on welfare and require those still unemployed after two years to join a work program.

Financing the new program has become the most problematic aspect of the proposal in recent months. Cabinet officials have re-

peatedly rejected the program cuts or tax increases suggested by mid-level officials.

Aid to Families with Dependent Children, the main federal welfare program, now costs about \$22 billion a year. By 1999, the full Clinton plan would increase that by about \$7 billion a year, according to the memorandum.

The memorandum suggests that long-term costs would be even greater than previously known. Earlier estimates had suggested that the proposed changes would cost about \$15 billion for the first five years. The memorandum says that in the second five years, costs would more than double, reaching \$36 billion over 10 years. The costs rise because the program is being slowly phased in.

While the plan to impose a two-

year limit on welfare benefits sounds like it would save money, it would actually be much more expensive, at least in the short run, than simply mailing a welfare check. That is because the administration will create training, education and child-care programs, and subsidize the wages of the recipients it puts to work.

The document outlines possible cuts or taxes that would raise tens of billions of dollars over the next decade, but it calls all of the options undesirable.

"Each faces serious political problems and raises some substantive concerns," the memorandum said. The document was provided by a source who believes that the money for the welfare changes could be better spent on other programs for low-income Americans.

## Uproar Over Guns in Cabin

### Airline Crews Await a Decision on Law Officers' Rights

By Don Phillips

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Captain Paul Boyer of American Airlines was reviewing paperwork last fall before the departure of Flight 1363 from Jackson, Mississippi, to Dallas when he discovered forms indicating that 11 armed law officers were aboard, several of them with more than one weapon.

Law enforcement officers on official business are allowed to carry weapons aboard airliners if they are declared to the airline, and Captain Boyer had seen numerous copies of airline "Form E-2" before.

But 11 seemed an unusually large number, and he decided that their business, returning to Los Angeles and Oregon from pistol-shooting competition, was not official. He demanded the guns be checked, and refused to take off.

Some of the officers, he said, were dressed in shorts and tank tops and could not have been following requirements that the weapons be concealed on their bodies.

The ensuing dispute, which ended when his airline ordered him to depart with the gun-toting officers still aboard, was evidence of a long-running behind-the-scenes battle among airlines, pilot unions and the law enforcement community over gun policy. That battle has provoked the Federal Aviation Administration to rewrite and clarify government guns-in-the-air policy.

More than 20 aviation and law enforcement groups are involved, including the Air Line Pilots Association and the FBI, as part of the Federal Aviation Administration's Flight Security Committee.

FBI agents and aviation agency air marshals, who have jurisdiction over airline hijackings and terrorist activity, had had special training in the use of guns aboard aircraft. Pilots and airlines do not dispute that they should be armed.

But any law officer, from a police chief to a rookie deputy, may carry a gun aboard a commercial flight if the officer's supervisor signs a letter asserting that the officer is on official business and needs access to the weapon. In practice, most officers carry their gun aboard on any trip, often to be certain it isn't stolen from checked luggage.

"There's a lack of understanding in law enforcement as to what their responsibility is," said Christopher Chiaro, a spokesman for the Air Transport Association, which represents major airlines.

"Does this person need to have this gun, or is he just avoiding the pilferage issue? Does Sergeant Friday just have a deep affection for his gun?"

Lyne Ossman, director of Civil Aviation Security Operations for the Federal Aviation Administration, acknowledged that regulations were open to misinterpretation.

However, she said the agency and its Flight Security Committee were on the way to a consensus on firmer rules on who could carry guns aboard, and on standardized training.

Training is the big concern for pilots. A gun fired in the wrong part of an aircraft fuselage at 35,000 feet can cause it to blow apart. Pilots also have expressed concern that a law officer not trained in control of hijackers might interrupt special procedures being carried out by the crew, making any hijacking worse.

The majority of the people have no training in aviation," Captain Boyer said.

After pressing his case in letters to the agency, he was informed by Cathal L. Flynn, assistant administrator for civil aviation security, that American Airlines followed the correct procedure in allowing the officers on board, but "it is not clear that the officers really needed to carry weapons on the flights."

The letter said that "we agree it is time to fix all the problems you identify concerning the carriage of weapons aboard aircraft," and promised that a proposed rule would be for public comment by October.

Captain Boyer said he was still concerned that agency rules would not address the question of tighter security, particularly verifying that an officer is not only who he or she says, but that the law enforcement agency signed the authorization letter. He said he fears that terrorists could use the system to slip guns aboard.

Pilot union representatives are not as blunt as Captain Boyer, but their concerns over the training issue have persuaded the Federal Aviation Administration to move ahead with new training standards before other gun regulations are adopted. A task force of law enforcement, airline and union representatives have devised a training program that the agency said it expected to adopt soon.

The program outlines the reasons, such as prisoner escort, for carrying a gun, details the dangers of firing a gun in flight and makes officers aware of the flight crew's training in how to handle passengers who create a disturbance.

## U.S. Report Ties Nigeria To Global Drug Trade

By Elaine Sciolino

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The State Department has charged that Nigerians, with the help of their government, have created global drug trafficking networks in Europe and Asia that officials estimate provide 35 to 40 percent of the heroin that enters the United States.

In its annual global survey of drug cultivation and trafficking, the State Department also detailed an explosion of Russian criminal groups involved in smuggling and distributing heroin from Central Asia, Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan as heroin production continues to increase.

The report was mandated by Congress in 1986 as a way to withhold aid and block international loans from countries found to be not "fully cooperating" with Washington's anti-drug efforts.

But it has become an annual admission of the worldwide inability to devise a strategy for curbing the production and export of cocaine, heroin and marijuana. No ally of the United States has ever been economically penalized for lack of cooperation. In a memorandum with the report, President Bill Clinton announced penalties against nations with which the United States has no relations or only severely strained relations: Burma, Iran, Nigeria and Syria.

Nigerians, whose citizens have been arrested in almost every country where heroin has been seized — from Poland to Saudi Arabia — was placed on the list for the first time this year. Last year, the Nigerian authorities ignored repeated appeals by the administration to crack down on traffickers and failed to apprehend and extradite several major traffickers under indictment in the United States.

"Nigeria has become a major source of trafficking around the world, as Nigerian trafficking organizations have become one of the most extraordinary, organized phenomena of carrying heroin and cocaine both into the United States and Europe," said Robert S. Gelbard, assistant secretary of state for international narcotics matters. "We calculate that some 35 to 40 percent of all heroin coming into the United States comes from Nigerians who bring it into this country."

He said Nigerians involved in the drug networks were "not random mules, or individuals who are doing this on a free-lancing basis."

"These are people working for very organized groups, which we have seen with the protection of government officials," he added.

In his memorandum, Mr. Clinton singled out Afghanistan, Bolivia, Laos, Lebanon, Panama and Peru, as other countries that did not cooperate sufficiently with U.S. anti-drug efforts, but waived economic sanctions because of unspecified "vital national interests."

The report also noted that in Southeast Asia, heroin cultivation increased 7 percent last year, while production rose 10 percent. Global production of heroin increased 5.5 percent last year, opening new marketing opportunities for international crime rings.

Cocaine production, by contrast, declined slightly last year, but not because coca-producing countries had curbed production. Rather, Peru, which produces about 56 percent of the world's supply of coca, lost 16 percent of its crop in 1993 to a fungus. Cocaine use, which was once a peculiarly American phenomenon, has become "a worldwide scourge," the report said.

Although the report, known as the International Narcotics Control Strategy Report, was issued on Monday to Congress and the press, it is not available to the public.

### Manila Elevates General Who Helped Stop Coup

Reuters

MANILA — President Fidel V. Ramos has appointed an army general who helped defeat an attempted coup in 1989 as chief of the Philippine armed forces.

Lieutenant General Arturo Enrile, currently the army commander, will become chief of staff of the 106,000-member military April 12 when General Lisandro Abadie retires, an announcement from the presidential palace said. General Enrile played a major role in ending a 10-day revolt against President Corazon Aquino in December 1989 by persuading soldiers who had seized control of the Makati financial district of Manila to return to their barracks.

The tourist, Melissa Larson, was spirited from the village by the authorities. When residents came to the jail and found that she was not there, they ransacked it. Ms. Larson was imprisoned for nearly two weeks in a nearby town before being freed for lack of evidence.

Ten days ago, a Swiss volcanologist was injured when villagers in another area attacked a group of scientists whom they accused of stealing children.

The Alaskan woman, June D. Weinstein, was attacked by a mob in the northern village of San Cristóbal Verapaz after a local woman said her 8-year-old son was missing. She was stabbed eight times and suffered two broken arms and a fractured skull. She remains in a Guatemalan City hospital where her room is being guarded by Marines from the U.S. Embassy. Doctors say she may have suffered permanent brain damage. The missing boy was later found.

## POLITICAL NOTES

### Tales of the '92 Campaign

By Tom Luce

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The people running President George Bush's 1992 campaign found their biggest problem was not Bill Clinton but a White House they said was tone deaf to politics. The people involved with Ross Perot's independent bid never had a clue about what he might do next.

Given that opposition, the people managing the Clinton campaign had relatively smooth sailing but still were lucky to win.

That, at least, is the picture drawn by key operatives for the presidential contenders, who met at the Institute of Politics, part of Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, a month after the election. The discussion was off-the-record, but an edited transcript, "Campaign for President: The Managers Look at '92," has been issued by Hollis Publishing Co. in Hollis, New Hampshire.

The manager spoke with rare candor about their frustrations. For example, Mary Matalin, the Bush campaign political director, said her chief of staff, John H. Sununu, had "the political sensitivity of a doorknob." She added, "There was this wall, and we didn't even know what kind of information was getting to George Bush."

David Garrow, the campaign's national field director, said the situation "became even worse" when Samuel K. Skinner replaced Mr. Sununu at the end of 1991. "Skinner tried to fix the problem without changing anybody," he said.

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## This Caning in Singapore Won't Make America Safer

By Richard Cohen

**WASHINGTON** — Singapore is a weird place, or, as some wag put it, a "fine" place. You can get fined for almost anything — littering, chewing gum, not flushing a public toilet, having long hair. Still, the United States may be an even weirder place. From the evidence, it seems that most Americans think Singapore's threatened flogging of an 18-year-old Omo native for vandalism is just terrific.

On Monday morning I awoke to James Fallows, a commentator on the supposedly liberal National Public Radio, giving his reluctant approval to the sentence of six lashes to the buttocks. A call-in survey by the National Polling Network (23,000

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callers) found that 53 percent thought some good whipping would do wonders in America — but not, you can be sure, to anyone they know.

The Singapore Embassy in Washington says it has received little but approval from Americans, and in Dayton, Ohio, hometown to the unlucky youth, the Dayton Daily News reports a significant number of calls expressing support.

Almost predictably, the Clinton administration seems to have moderated its indignation. Once the president himself called the sentence "excessive" and hinted at dire consequences, but the administration now prefers to say nothing much. "We'll see how it plays out," was the latest ultimatum from a White House spokesman.

This controversy is not about Singapore at all but about Americans. The scrubby Singaporeans clearly took the pulse of American public opinion when the government said it did not want its city-state to become another New York. "We do not have a situation where acts of vandalism are commonplace, as in cities like New York, where even police cars are not spared the acts of vandals," the Home Affairs Ministry said.

It was talking to countless millions of Americans who have actually seen New York or think they have in movies and television shows. A person could conclude that half the population there is up at night spray-painting the place.

Would truly harsh penalties turn New York into a Disney World with skyscrapers? Indeed, would these sorts of punishments reduce crime in the United States? Those, essentially, are the ques-

tions that Americans are asking themselves — and many of them, it seems, are answering in the affirmative.

That is understandable. Certain felonies may as well be called misdemeanors because they are so rarely punished. Auto theft is one; so, too often, is any "serious" crime if it is a first offense. As for misdemeanors such as defacing property, the last person caught for that never mind punished, undoubtedly wrote his own Social Security number on a police station wall.

The law is clearly up against it. Without punishment there can be no deterrence. If a teenager has no money, he cannot be fined. If the jails are full of hardened criminals, he cannot be imprisoned. If he has no real prospects, he will not care if he has a record. If he thinks he has nothing to gain, then he thinks he has nothing to lose. He cannot be hurt — unless, of course, he can be physically hurt, as is done in Singapore. Are they on to something?

Not really. In the first place, there is no likening an Asian society on the tip of the Malay peninsula to the United States. America's societal problems, its racial difficulties, its cultural differences have to be taken into account. Singapore is out a boot camp for civilians merely because it has tough rules, but also because it is a different society. In plenty of places in the world you can walk to poor neighborhoods with a bulging wallet and not be mugged, and harsh laws have nothing to do with it.

Second, the punishment facing the 18-year-old American, Michael Fay, amounts to torture. The six strokes to the buttocks are inflicted with a half-inch rattan cane and administered by a martial arts expert. The pain is so great that many prisoners go into shock before the whipping is completed, and always physical scars remain.

Can anyone not think that one lash is more than enough, that the \$2,300 fine would have sufficed or that, when you think about it, justice would have been served if Mr. Fay were merely given the boot — sent back to Dayton and forced to live among the yahoos who favored the brutal punishment? Singapore, contemptuous of supposed American softness, has chosen the most obnoxious course.

But instead of Americans protesting the flogging of one of their own, they have let fear of crime prompt them to embrace barbarism — as if the caning of Michael Fay would make things safer in American cities.

The young man should be punished; his vandalism streak was no spur of the moment impulse but was conducted over the course of 10 days. But what Americans' own constitution would prohibit as "cruel and unusual punishment" is hardly something they should endorse. Flogging may not be "unusual" in Singapore, but "cruel" it most certainly is.

The Washington Post

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## The Euphemism Treadmill: Nowhere Fast

By Steven Pinker

**C**AMBRIDGE, Massachusetts — The new Los Angeles Times manual "Guidelines on Racial and Ethnic Identification," for the newspaper's writers and editors, bans or restricts some 150 words and phrases such as "birth defect," "Chinese fire drill," "crazy," "dark continent," "stepchild," "WASP," and "welsh."

Defying such politically correct sensibilities, The Economist allows the use of variants of "he" for both sexes (as in "everyone should wash his language"), and of "crippled" for disabled people.

One side says that language insidiously shapes attitudes and that vigilance against subtle offense is necessary to eliminate prejudice.

The other bristles at legislating language, seeing a corrosion of clarity and expressiveness, and thought control at worst, changing the way reporters render events and opinions.

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The Los Angeles Times manual seems to assume that readers are reflexive etymologists, for it bans "invalid" (literally "not valid" and thus offensive), "New World" (ignores the indigenous cultures that preceded Columbus's voyage) and "Dutch treat" (offensive, presumably, to Netherlands).

But I doubt if Americans associate the dozen-odd idioms in which Dutch means "ersatz" ("Dutch uncle," "Dutch oven") with the Dutch; presumably, the stings have worn off in the three centuries since the English coined such terms to tweak their naval rivals.

The bewildering feature of political correctness is the mandated replacement of formerly uncontrollable terms by new ones: "Negro" by "black" by "African-American," "Spanish-American" by "Hispanic" by "Latino," "slum" by "ghetto" by "inner city" by, according to the Los Angeles Times, "slum" again.

How should a thoughtful person react?

Respect means treating people as they wish to be treated, beginning with names. That is why

there is a clear need for guidelines. One wonders, though, why the Los Angeles Times's style panel apparently did not consult those it defends.

Many deaf people insist on being called "deaf," not "individuals who cannot hear" and as one who was taught to revere the Wailing Wall, I was surprised to learn that the term is "highly offensive" rather than merely obsolete.

But if users of new ethnic terms have responsibilities, so do those who promulgate the terms. What are their motives? What are the effects?

Occasionally, neologisms are defended with some semantic rationale: "Black" emphasized parity with the corresponding "white." "Native American" is a reminder of who was in the Americas first and eschews the inaccurate label "Indian."

But when new terms replace ones that had been justified in their own day with equal moral force and when offensive and sanctioned terms are near synonyms — "colored people" and "people of color," "Afro-American" and "African-American," "Negro" (Spanish for "black") and "black" — something else must be driving the process.

Shifts in terms have an unfortunate side effect. Many people who don't have a drop of malice or prejudice but happen to be older or distant from university, media and government sources find themselves tainted as bigots for innocently using passe terms such as "Oriental" or "crippled." Arbiters of the changing linguistic fashions must ask themselves whether this stigmatization is really what they set out to accomplish.

The writer, professor of brain and cognitive sciences at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and author of "The Language Instinct," contributed this comment to The New York Times.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Tangible Help for Bosnia

I am an American actor who has lived in London for almost 20 years. I am also a Jew. As a Jew, I find the concept of "ethnic cleansing" to be abhorrent. I have been unable to bear the suffering of the people of Bosnia.

Last week I went to Bosnia. I volunteered through an organization called Convoy of Mercy (714 Seven Sisters Road, London N15 5NE) to drive into Bosnia to deliver food. I had never driven anything bigger than a Volkswagen bus, but now I can drive a nine-ton Bedford truck anywhere.

At first I gave money, but felt that was not enough. I volunteered to drive. On March 16 I left with three other drivers for Split, Croatia. It took us three days to get there. On the way we made an unscheduled stop at a Muslim refugee camp. I was tired, disoriented and annoyed. Then, out of the twilight, from under a thick canopy of pine trees, groups of people drifted toward us like specters, clustering silently around.

One young woman held her hand over her mouth in obvious pain. I asked for a look and she revealed missing or decaying teeth. I took out a bottle of medicine

for mouth sores and showed her how to rub it into her gums. She smiled wanly as the pain disappeared.

I put the bottle back in my pocket,

realized what I was doing, took it out and gave it to her. Her toothless smile made my fatigue evaporate.

The next day we drove into Bosnia. There were eight of us driving six Bedford trucks carrying 30 tons of food, enough to feed 3,000 families for one week. We crossed the front lines six times. I found out how different it is to see the destruction of war first-hand. We drove through ruined towns and villages. I saw people staring out of holes in the walls of their houses made by shell explosions. We drove through potholes big enough to swallow a truck.

We had been warned about "Bon-Bon Alley." Children stand by the potholes, and when the trucks slow down, they stretch out their hands and yell "bon-bon"? There were hundreds of them but we were under orders to give them nothing. Several had been injured or killed when they swarmed around other trucks.

We unloaded three trucks to Nova Bile. Then onto Vitez where we unloaded the other three. We spent two nights at British Army bases. On the third day, we

drove back to Split. I had been in Bosnia for two and a half days. It was hard work, like being an army recruit, but it was the best work I have ever done.

Convoy of Mercy needs mechanics, carpenters and teachers. The group is particularly interested in mechanics who can stay in Split for two or three months in order to service the vehicles before they go into Bosnia.

I am like the rest of us who sit and watch the television night after night and wish someone would do something. I can now say that I have helped in a truly tangible way. I was asked if I would go back. Wouldn't you?

RON BERGLAS,  
London

**A Plea for le Fair Play**  
Regarding "A U.S. Tempest in a French Démise" (Opinion, April 4)

The French ban on English (a ban with teeth, since breaches of the law will, theoretically, lead to criminal proceedings) is out, as the French culture minister claims, intended simply to enable French employees to "understand their work contracts." It is a laughingly

nationalistic measure designed to root out English words in everyday use and to promote French alternatives so clumsy and convoluted that even the minister's subordinates, who wanted so much time devising them, know there is no likelihood they will be used.

The English language has taken over a

number of French words for which there was no English equivalent and anglicized their spelling — pork, beef and mutton are obvious examples — with omelet from Anglophones. Perhaps the French could gallicize the spelling of some of the English words they have borrowed and declare them to be French.

I am sure that millions of French soccer fans will continue to shout "corpor" even at the risk of heavy fines. But perhaps Monsieur Toubon's *soif de grandeur* would be satisfied if the word were to appear to future French dictionaries under a new indigenous spelling, like "cornaire."

Or is the new "anti-Franglais" legislation more meant to be applied than to the recent drastic anti-smoking legislation, which remains totally unenforced in French restaurants and cafés?

EDWARD BEHR,  
Paris

### Third World Summit

Regarding "Delhi Summit Vies With G-7 in Cold and Empty Pomposity" (April 1)

The article reflects the bias of Western correspondents against the Third World. The G-15 is a group of like-minded countries that seek to be of service to all developing countries by promoting pragmatic cooperation.

In criticizing the agenda as passé, Mr. Burns appears unaware that it addressed, among other issues, the concerns of developing countries about the global decision-making process as well as the attempts by the United States and some European countries to introduce protectionist conditions into the final agreement of the Uruguay Round of world trade talks.

The writer suggests that the G-15 group has little appeal for Malaysia. Malaysia is, in fact, fully committed and has initiated some of the group's substantive and successful projects.

RENJI SATHIAH,  
Brussels

The writer is the Malaysian ambassador to Belgium.

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## Paris American Center, With New Team, Plans June Opening

By John Rockwell  
New York Times Service

**P**ARIS — There it sits, a gleaming, marbled, fully functional architectural abstraction. It is surrounded by a nearly finished city park and staffed by 22 busy people. But for the moment, at least, it's a shell.

This is the current state of the new American Center in the Bercy district of eastern Paris.

Frank Gehry's building, which cost a big chunk of the \$40 million the center obtained in 1987 when it sold its old quarters in central Paris, was pretty much completed months ago.

But the center's board had decided in the fall of 1992 that it did not have enough money to proceed with long-range plans for this combined museum, performance space, educational facility and community center. The programming staff was mostly fired and uneasy silence settled on what was to have been a major showcase of American culture in the French capital.

Now, signs of life can be discerned moving willy-nilly through the conceptual wreckage.

The board of trustees has been reorganized with what seems like a more distinctly American cast. New leaders have emerged, both on the board and on a transition leadership committee. New money — tangible, if not yet overwhelming in quantity — is coming in. A skeletal programming staff has been assembled. And an opening date has at last been set: June 7.

In keeping with the modest profile the center is trying to assume, the day is being billed not as a flashy gala but as an amiable marathon leading to the partial, gradual opening of the center and set just before the summer vacation, when nothing much cultural happens in Paris, anyway.

On the other hand, the new team hints that President Bill Clinton might stop by on his D-Day rounds, so hopes are not all that modest. The new power at the center is Frederick B. Henry, who joined the board a little more than two years ago. Henry, the president of the Bobbin Foundation, is a longtime New York art figure, active at the Whitney Museum and on other arts boards. He is already co-chairman of the center's board with Judith Pisar, the former sole chairman.

Henry said in a recent interview that Pisar had already withdrawn from her functions as chairman, as had Henry Pillsbury from his longtime role as executive director. (Pillsbury is still much in evidence, however, putting about the empty building he had so much to do with instigating.) In September, Henry said it was "the plan" to name Pillsbury board president (which ranks under the chairman in the pecking order) and for Pisar formally to relinquish her post.

In the meantime, Henry set up a transitional "special committee," headed by himself and Rachel Newton Bellow, who is currently serving as board president, to run the center between mid-1993 and the end of 1994. Bellow has taken a leave as program officer for arts and culture at the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in New York.

If the center's previous sin was pride — hurling up a huge building and assuming money would materialize to support activities within it — Henry and Bellow suggested the problem now was to adjust 1980s expectations to 1990s realities.

The center's problems were an opportunity for it to redefine itself at this moment, Bellow argued. The original plan was to open in Sep-

tember 1993 with an ambitious exhibition of commissioned art called "Landscape as Metaphor," which had a budget of \$1.5 million. Now, programming ideas call for more varied and modest events, with the average item budgeted at \$150,000 to \$250,000.

Most of these events, which fill the calendar with a few gaps for the center's first 18 months of operation, were planned by volunteers drawn from American arts institutions. Some projects are overtly collaborative, in that the shows or performances will also be seen in the United States. Most are collaborative in the sense that the Americans, whom Henry and Bellow described as mostly young and venturesome, brought the frankness and originality of the American arts scene with them.

**P**ROGRAMS have been divided into four areas: visual arts, performances, film and video, and conferences.

Among the many more or less fixed plans are "Pure Beauty: Some Recent Work From Los Angeles"; "Stations," a video installation by Bill Viola; "Griot New York," a week of performances by the Garth Fagan Dance Company; a piano recital of John Cage's music

by Margaret Leng Tan; "Banned in the U.S.A." censored American films from 1916 to the present; "Exchanges in the Dark: Film Noir in France and Hollywood"; and "War and Memory in France and the U.S.," a conference on World War II, Vietnam and the Gulf War. In addition, several French troupes are scheduled.

Despite the role played by Olivier Brunet, a French banker who is the center's new vice president and treasurer, much of the fund-raising know-how is American. Given French reliance on government subsidy, Bellow said, "there is no way to find that level of not-for-profit expertise in France." Of the 27 major individual and corporate sponsors for the center's opening year, 5 are French.

Still, in this time of increased cultural tension between France and the United States, both Henry and Bellow are determined that the center not be perceived simply as a display-window for American art. Many of the planned programs reflect French and American links or reactions to common problems.

Henry had the simplest possible explanation for this dual emphasis. "The center is American, but it's located in Paris," he said. "It's a united operation."

## 'Billboards' Rescues Joffrey Ballet

By William Harris

**N**EW YORK — The dance world is in a funk. Financing is tight, bookings are scarce and, worse, few dance events are generating the kind of must-seem enthusiasm that will broaden the audience base.

There are, of course, exceptions, notably Mikhail Baryshnikov's White Oak Project and the Joffrey Ballet's "Billboards." "Billboards," the four-part, full-length ballet set to a medley of 14 Prince songs, was conceived by the Joffrey's artistic director, Gerald Arpino, and choreographed by Laura Dean, Charles Moulton, Margo Sappington and Peter Pucci.

The reviews have been mixed and some ballerinas have bellowed, but "Billboards" has become a money-making phenomenon.

Since its premiere in Iowa City in January 1993, this rock ballet has already been seen by close to 200,000 in 16 cities across the United States — the equivalent of "Angels in America" playing to capacity on Broadway for six and a half months.

It consistently packs houses — drawing mostly younger audiences — and has generated \$2.5 million in income for the Joffrey, according to Cecil C. Conner, the company's executive director.

Thanks to the success of "Billboards," the Joffrey has attracted 12 new board members and additional financing sources. The troupe can also finally afford to present a repertory season in its home city of New York for the first time since 1991.

The cost is \$850,000, but Conner is confident of recouping the money. "We hope to sell at least \$1 million worth of tickets," he says.

Beginning Wednesday, the company will begin a two-week stay at the New York State Theater at Lincoln Center. It will present two programs of mixed repertory and nine performances of "Billboards."

Although "Billboards" was seen in New York only five months ago as part of the Next Wave Festival at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Arpino and Conner are betting that its potential audience has hardly been tapped. "Men who have no previous experience of dance," says Arpino, "have gone out and bought tickets to 'Billboards' and taken their girlfriends and families. I have converted so many people." Will they return to sample the other ballets being offered?

"Yes," he insists. "The rep programs have sold better when played with 'Billboards.'"

The popularity of "Billboards" could not have come at a better time. Since 1989, the Joffrey has weathered a series of financial and morale crises. But is there a downside to this megahit? Has the 38-year-old Joffrey lost its credibility as a classical ballet company?

What comes next, "Billboards II"? The normally talkative Arpino won't cite specifics, saying only that a number of things are percolating: the postmodern choreographer Ralph Lemon, for one, has been asked to create a new ballet.

"Billboards" has allowed us not only to introduce but to seduce a new audience into

**The four-part dance work set to a medley of 14 Prince songs is a cash cow for the struggling troupe.**

recognizing the magnificence of the art of dance," says Arpino, 66, who co-founded the company with Robert Joffrey. "Billboards" is the appetizer to the rest of the menu that is to come. The direction of the company is to continue to explore, to experiment and to introduce what is possible in dance — to be a catalyst."

In other words, Arpino isn't quite sure what's next. For the moment, it doesn't matter. "Billboards" has given the Joffrey some breathing room.

New touring options have opened. The Joffrey has a refurbished visibility and a steadier flow of cash. Following its New York season, the company hits the road once again, stopping in 11 cities. Last year, the Joffrey dancers worked 32 weeks; this year, they will work 40 weeks.

Arpino will probably continue to do what the Joffrey has always done: To showcase young dancers in an eclectic mix of dance styles that juxtaposes the sex, pop-culture aesthetic and the experimentation of downtown dance with the more formal sensibility of classical ballet.

William Harris, a consulting editor of *Dance Ink*, wrote this for The New York Times.

## BOOKS

**WHO WE ARE: A Portrait of America Based on the Latest U.S. Census**

By Sam Roberts. Illustrated. 306 pages. \$18. Times Books/Random House.

Reviewed by Cullen Murphy

**I**n "Who We Are," Sam Roberts has probably done as good a job as can be done in making the results of the 1990 census accessible to the general public. He has broken the census down into sensible thematic chunks. He has spiced the data with material of other kinds: the perspectives of social history, anecdotes from the news, interviews with scholars, government officials and ordinary people. He has provided graphs, charts and maps that are well designed and easy to comprehend. He has written his book in a style that is always professional, at times buoyant and even jaunty.

Unfortunately — and Roberts must be held exempt from blame — the term "eye-opening" does not

consistently describe the experience of reading this book. The problem lies with the navel-gazing nature of our culture. During the past few decades, Americans have become so addicted to self-assessment — the continuous monitoring of society's vital sign — that the results of the decennial census no longer pack much of a surprise. We have been getting flash estimates all along. Is there a newspaper reader unaware of the rise in the number of teenage mothers and single-parent households, and poverty, the growing prevalence of mothers in the work force and of two-paycheck families, the expansion of the elderly population as a proportion of the whole, the increase in the age of the average woman at first childbirth, the trend toward greater income inequality, the influx of Hispanic and Asian immigrants, the continuing advance of the service economy, the vitality of "edge cities"?

Roberts, the urban affairs columnist for The New York Times, affixes up-to-date numbers to these and a raft of other demographic and economic phenomena and looks at the numbers every which way, but the phenomena themselves are almost always old friends.

That said, some information does come as a surprise. About 30 percent of all households in New York State are carless (the highest percentage in the country). The median age of all the houses and apartments in the United States (26 years) is less than the median age of the people living in them (32 years).

In 1990, there were 36,000 people in the United States more than 100 years old. Because of more accurate measurement of the size of lakes and ponds, and also because of coastal erosion, the size of the U.S. land mass was statistically smaller than at any time since the purchase of Alaska, in 1867. The population density of the United States is 70.3 persons per square mile, a statistic that Roberts puts into perspective with this observation: "A suburban tract with one-acre zoning and three people per house would accommodate more than 1,800 people per square mile." The most densely populated community in America is Hoboken, New Jersey, with 25,690 people per square mile.

"Who We Are" may not always offer fresh insight, but it is a valuable book. There is something to be said for a group photograph, even if the individual faces are already familiar. The book comes with a good index, which, together with the maps and charts, makes it a friendly reference volume for anyone not interested in slogging through the annual Statistical Abstract of the United States. Moreover, there is one group of people for whom, if anecdotal reports of their state of general knowledge are to be believed, large swaths of "Who We Are" may come as revelation. I can't think of a better book to add to every high-school reading list in America.

Cullen Murphy, managing editor of *The Atlantic Monthly*, wrote this for The New York Times.

## BEST SELLERS

The New York Times		This list is based on reports from more than 2,000 bookstores throughout the United States. Weeks on list are not necessarily consecutive.	
FICTION	Last Weeks	Weeks	Week
1 THE CELESTINE PROPHECY, by James Redfield	2	5	1
2 ACCIDENT!, by Danielle Steel	1	7	2
3 DISCLOSURE, by Michael Crichton	3	11	3
4 THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY, by Robert James Waller	4	86	7
5 THE TIE-DYE, by Robert James Waller	5	22	18
6 LIKE WATER FOR CHOCOLATE, by Laura Esquivel	6	51	10
7 THE WARREN, by David John Weisman	8	4	32
8 THE CAT WHO CAME TO BREAKFAST, by Lilian Jackson Braun	7	6	13
9 FATAL CURSE, by Roble Cook	10	10	15
10 FAMILY BLESSINGS, by Lois W. Spierer	9	15	85
11 RIVER GOD, by Wilbur Smith	12	1	4
12 SECOND NATURE, by Alice Hoffman	14	1	2
13 MCNAUL'S CAPER, by Lawrence Sanders	13	6	45
14 RAMA REVEALED, by Arthur C. Clarke and Gentry Lee	11	6	9
15 BAD LOVE, by Jonathan Kellerman	15	1	23
NONFICTION	EMBRACED BY THE LIGHT, by Betty Eadie	1	47

By Thomas Quinn Curtiss  
International Herald Tribune

**P**ARIS — Terry Hands, a British director who has staged several Shakespeare plays at the Comédie-Française to Parisians' satisfaction, is presenting "Hamlet" in a French translation of his own at the Théâtre Marigny on the Champs-Elysées.

"It is said that Hamlet is the first modern man — so obviously he must be insane," Hands wrote in the program. One of the great Hamlets of this century, Johnston Forbes-Robertson, believed otherwise, maintaining that Hamlet's appearance of madness is simply a ruse to mislead his enemies. Actually, the prince may have gone crazy on encountering some of Johan Engels' decor and costuming.

Here is the Denmark throne hall attempting to look like Versailles Palace, built centuries later; the players arriving at Elsinore are clad as 1830s British-Borsigian troopers. Horatio, Hamlet's faithful friend, is done up as a bespectacled Polonius and Jacques Sprenger is the eccentric Horatio.

An alert theater collective — "La Bouche d'Or" — has restored a famous French play to the public (at the Dix Huit Théâtre): Georges de Porto-Riche's "Amoureuse," which had its premiere at the Odéon in 1891. Porto-Riche's play illustrates that even in the most passionate affair, one loves more than

the other, by revealing a wife who dotes on her husband too often and destroys his scientific work.

Dominique Verrier has assembled and directed a sound company, taking the assignment as the hapless husband, with Valérie Durin giving a strong performance as the wife. Philippe Pouty as the deceptive friend, and Catherine Thérouanne as the husband's former mistress.

This fine high comedy of the Belle Epoque retains its brilliant wit and deep knowledge.

Tennessee Williams's "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," first seen on Broadway in 1955, has been fitted out with a new French adaptation by Anne Tognetti and Claude Baigneres at the Marigny's Salle Popoulos. Michel Fagadau's mise-en-scène has spread Deep South witchery, and here we are again with Big Daddy (Bernard Pissot), Maggie "the Cat" (Candice Patou) and Big Ma (Claire Maurier), while Bruno Wolkowitch plays the young man who is mourning his best friend's death with a large glass of rum. Its revival is a deserved success.

• **MILTON NASCIMENTO**, "Angelus" (WB). The Brazilian's magic tenor voice soars, mostly ballad-style, in Portuguese and English above lush strings, woodwind and soft percussion in tandem with guest Wayne Shorter, James Taylor, Herbie Hancock, Nana Vasconcelos and Peter Carlisle. Beautifully produced substantial stuff. For repeated listening as either furniture or food (check out the fat sound on his cover of the Beatles' cover, "Hello Goodbye").

• **CHARLIE HADEN** "Haden" (IHT).

pens to Me." Fine-grained, well-tooled romanticism first and above all. The last track:

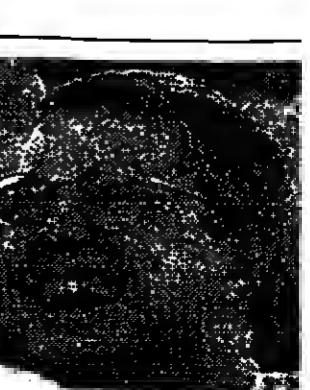
Lauren Bacall: "You've forgotten one thing, Me."

Bogart: "What's wrong with you?"

Bacall: "Nothing you can't fix."

Mike Zwerin, IHT

Charlie Haden: Fine-grained, well-tooled romanticism.

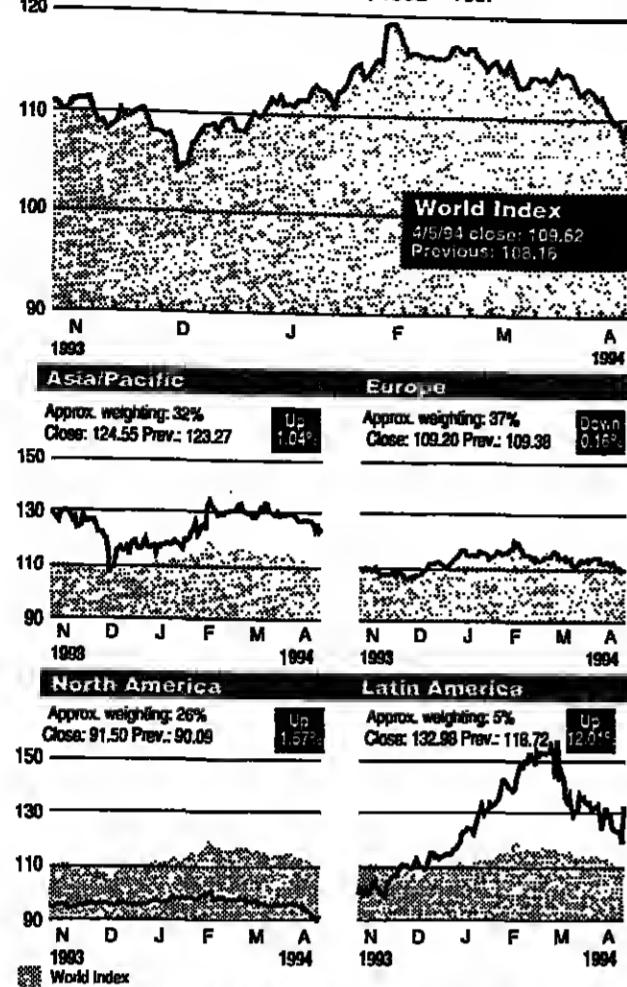


Charlie Haden



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## MEDIA MARKETS

## Bartley's Whitewater Ride

By William Glaberson

New York Times Service

**N**EW YORK — Who is Robert Bartley? Before Whitewater turned The Wall Street Journal's chief of editorials into a media personality, he was already the darling of conservatives. But a headline — "Who Is Vincent Foster?" — and its aftermath have broadened his role. At 56, Robert L. Bartley, editor of the Journal, has become a star in the very "liberal media" he abhors. His role: Whitewater sage.

With a new prominence that began with the editorial attack last summer on Mr. Foster, the deputy White House counsel who died on July 20 in an apparent suicide, Mr. Bartley slashes away at the administration of President Bill Clinton.

He sneers at the Democrats, Little Rock and anyone who calls the 1980s the decade of greed. Sometimes it even appears to scorn the reporters at his own newspaper.

The open secret at the Journal for years has been the discomfort such sentiments sometimes cause employees of the newspaper's news operation and the ridicule some of them apply to the paper's editorial positions.

The news division is separate from the editorial page and its employees report to a different top editor, Paul E. Steiger, the newspaper's managing editor. Mr. Steiger and Mr. Bartley report separately to Peter R. Kann, the Journal's chairman and publisher.

Some news department employees consider themselves political liberals. Some also find their news reports occasionally contradicted or undercut by their own newspaper's editorials. Whitewater has provided a new series of such opportunities for conflict.

The editorial page has sometimes heaped praise on news organizations other than the Journal for courage in pursuing Whitewater leads. The New

York Post has been especially warmly appreciated. At times, it has appeared the Journal's editorial page is insulting its own news operation by omission.

The differing approaches of the two sides of the same newspaper have begun to attract outside attention. The New Republic's recently took note of two Journal headlines from the March 14 issue that reported the start of an investigation by the Whitewater special counsel, Robert B. Fiske Jr.

A Journal news headline that day: "Fiske Gets Off to Fast Start in Whitewater Probe by Moving Forward Aggressively on All Fronts."

The editorial page headline the same day: "The Fiske Cover-Up II."

The Journal's senior news editors insist they are not insulted. But Alan Murray, the Washington bureau chief, does acknowledge that "there is this tradition of not just separation but competition — or enmity."

Mr. Bartley denies that the editorial page has tried to embarrass its own news division. But he acknowledges long-standing tension between the news and editorial sections. "There's always been this undercurrent of disagreement," he said.

Mr. Bartley, who says his Iowa upbringing in the 1950s provided a standard of values to measure current events, appears to be reveling in the role he calls spokesman for the loyal opposition. "There's a certain kind of fun that we're having again now that we had during the Carter years," Mr. Bartley said. "It's kind of the mood among his staff of 20 or so conservative editorial writers and editors."

"You get up in the morning and say, 'OK, what are they doing now that we can criticize?'" Mr. Bartley said.

Before the current "bumbling presidency," as the Journal's editorials like to call it, the soft-spoken Mr. Bartley may have been best known among conservatives for editorials that helped es-

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## Costly Lesson for Wall Street Whiz Askin and Investors Find There's No Perfect Hedge

By Saul Hansell

New York Times Service

—NEW YORK — David Askin entered the small conference room of his Lexington Avenue office on Monday, March 28, to face his investors: blue-chip corporations, pension funds and wealthy families.

They had entrusted him with \$600 million in what was billed as a low-risk approach to investing in bonds backed by home mortgages. But as interest rates shot up in recent months, his two funds lost

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## STOCKS: European Shares Rise

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yield on Germany's 10-year Bund rose to 6.36 percent from 6.32. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP)

## Wall Street Jumps

Stocks rallied sharply on Tuesday in a broad-based recovery, more than erasing a 43-point drop on Monday which had dragged the index to its weakest level in six months. The Associated Press reported from New York.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 3,675.41, up 82.06 points from Monday.

Big-volume institutional investors were the most active buyers on Tuesday, and they were concentrating their purchases on economically sensitive stocks that could be expected to rise the most during an economic recovery, traders said.

Small investors, if they were buying at all, were doing so gingerly.

The New York Stock Exchange surged to more than 366.01 million shares, even though the heavy trading level of 342.86 million shares on Monday.

Among other issues, General Motors rose 24 to 574.74 and led a rise of issues sensitive to economic cycles, which suffered the most in the recent slide. GM also had its earnings estimates raised at Fuman Sez. Another strong gainer in the sector was Caterpillar, up 3 to 1164.

Woolworth clawed back part of its recent plunge, rising 14 to 134. The stock has tumbled recently amid allegations of accounting irregularities.

In over-the-counter trading, Microsoft firmed 34 to 874. Hancock Institutional Equity Services raised a rating on the stock saying the software company was well positioned in the markets it serves and the shares are inexpensive at their current levels.

## DOLLAR: Currency Rallies, Too

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lar gain on Tuesday, traders said. The Canadian dollar rebounded from seven-year lows against the U.S. dollar, rising to 7.34 U.S. cents from 71.60 cents on Monday.

That Monday level represented an eight-year low for the Canadian dollar, which has been hard hit by concern about Ottawa's budget deficit and about inflation, Agence France-Presse reported from Toronto.

Three things happened Tuesday to put a floor under the Canadian dollar. The Canadian stock market rebounded, the Bank of Canada raised its discount rate to 6.21 percent from 5.64 percent to defend the currency, and the central bank governor, Gordon Thiessen, pledged to maintain tight control over inflation. The discount rate had been raised last week, from 5 percent.

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# Malaysian Finance Chief Denies Link to Losses

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

KUALA LUMPUR — Malaysia's finance minister, Anwar Ibrahim, sought Tuesday to absolve himself from blame over the central bank's two years of hefty losses from foreign currency trading, saying it was due to misjudgment at the bank.

"It was a serious error in judgment," said Mr. Anwar, who is also deputy prime minister.

The political opposition is pressuring him to resign under the principle ministerial accountability, although Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad appears little inclined to lay his deputy's door.

Mr. Anwar said that he was told 18 months ago that Bank Negara, Malaysia's central bank, was losing money on international currency markets. He then ordered the bank to cease trading in forward foreign-exchange contracts, he said.

"My policy instructions were very clear," Mr. Anwar said. "As far back as in 1992, I had told the bank not to trade excessively in reserves."

Bank Negara, long known as a swashbuckling player on currency

markets, admitted on Thursday it lost 5.7 billion ringgit (\$2.28 billion) from forex transactions last year.

Governor Jaffar Hussain resigned after assuming full responsibility for the losses, which followed 9.3 billion ringgit in trading losses in 1992.

The cabinet is to meet Wednesday to discuss the losses, but it is not known whether Mr. Jaffar's successor will be named.

Mr. Anwar said the bank incurred hefty losses last year because it was adhering to his instructions to unwind and close all forward and long currency positions.

Bank Negara has since banned all forward deals and is trading currency only on a spot basis.

The size of its deals are only about 10 percent of the transactions of between \$500 million and \$2 billion it used to execute until early 1993, traders said.

Bank Negara's bank is still fairly active in markets such as New York, though its presence in Singapore — its past playground — has declined sharply in the past year.

Bank Negara is probably less ac-

tive in Singapore now because it is too closely monitored for its comfort, dealers said.

One former official of the central bank warned that limiting trading to spot deals "doesn't mean no losses." In fact, some of Bank Negara's forward-related losses were bad spot positions that had been rolled over, dealers said.

But Mr. Mahathir, who was overseas when the fiasco unfolded, said over the weekend that the losses would not weaken Malaysia's financial position.

"On the whole, we made a profit, and our losses actually came from profits made in forex dealings in preceding years," he said. "If that is not the case, how can we have a strong reserve of 70 billion ringgit, which can sustain the nation's imports for up to eight months?"

"I cannot just pick on the year when we record losses without taking into consideration the years we make profits," the prime minister said. "I think that would be unfair."

(AFP, Knight-Ridder)

## India Assails Trade Barriers

Reuters

NEW DELHI — Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao of India said Tuesday that Asian and Pacific countries should guard against moves by the developed world to use environmental and social concerns to set up trade barriers.

Mr. Rao issued the warning at a meeting of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, a body that represents more than half the world population.

"While developing countries and developed countries alike must share action to deal with genuine social and environmental concerns, we should not countenance any moves to put these concerns on the trade agenda," he said.

"Legitimate concern for environmental preservation and upgrading should not, however, be made an alibi for raising protectionist trade barriers," he said.

Developing countries have expressed growing concern in recent months over international efforts led by

the United States to look at countries' records on human rights and the environment as part of trade negotiations.

Mr. Rao said environmental concerns had become inseparable from development but appealed to industrialized countries to appreciate the desire of the developing world to catch up with them. "The need of the times is for cooperation, not confrontation."

Mr. Rao also said he hoped fresh impediments to free trade would not come up before the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade agreement is signed in Morocco next month.

Leaders of the Group of 15 developing countries meeting in New Delhi last month insisted that they would reject nontariff barriers in the agreement. They also said that they would reject a U.S.-sponsored move on labor standards, including a proposal that would effectively increase wages in developing countries, as well as the inclusion of human rights and environmental conditions in the agreement.

## HEDGE: A Wall Street Whiz and His Investors Relearn Some Old Lessons

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tions that were being unloaded by Resolution Trust Corp.

After Mr. Whitehead's death in 1992, his heirs wanted to reduce their investment but the complex securities could not be sold quickly. Instead, Whitehead/Sterling was sold to Mr. Askin and renamed Askin Capital.

Mr. Askin is a specialist in analyzing the value of collateralized mortgage obligations, or CMOs, among the world's most complex securities. At their core are bundles of home loans that have been packaged together by mortgage bankers and then sold to investors.

Wall Street firms can divide a pool of mortgages into three dozen separate securities — some conservative and others highly speculative.

Mr. Askin's strategy took advantage of the fact that some of these mortgage-backed securities are intended to increase in value as interest rates rise. That is the opposite of most bonds.

Mr. Askin figured that if he bought both types of bonds, he could earn interest on both, yet be market neutral — largely immune from interest-rate moves.

In theory, a market-neutral portfolio should be less volatile than one tied to market movements. In fact, other funds that invest in mortgage-backed securities ostensibly with strategies similar to those of Mr. Askin say they have made money this year.

Mr. Askin's track record, short as it was, seemed to support his claim of high return with low risk, and his funds grew from about \$200 million in the beginning of 1993 to \$600 million in February.

His strategy appeared to work relatively well for a while, even as interest rates bottomed out last fall and then started to climb.

On March 10, Mr. Askin sent a letter to investors saying that the funds were down 1.7 percent in February. "That leaves returns above many other investment strategies," he wrote. And as late as March 16, Mr. Askin told Capital Holding executives that he thought the funds would be up in March, Mr. Tumber said.

But in reality, things were not so rosy. As uncertainty about interest rates grew, the entire market for sophisticated mortgage-backed securities dried up. So prices fell on all Mr. Askin's securities, even those that were supposed to rise as interest rates did.

"There has been no liquidity, no bids for four to five weeks," Mr. Askin said in an interview.

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- by proxy by completing the form of proxy which will be made available to them against deposit of the share certificates as aforesaid.

Share certificates so deposited will be retained until the Meeting or any adjournment thereof has been concluded.

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which will be held at 5, Boulevard de la Foire, Luxembourg on April 15, 1994 at 10.00 a.m. with the following agenda:

- 1. Reports of the Board of Directors and of the Auditors.
- 2. Approval of the financial statements as of December 31, 1993.

- 3. Acceptance of the Directors recommendation to pay no dividend for the year ended December 31, 1993.

- 4. Discharge of the Directors and of the Auditors in respect of the carrying out of their duties during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1993.

- 5. Election of the Directors and of the Auditors.

- 6. Miscellaneous business.

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## Investors Rebel Against Direction Of China Vanke

Reuters

SHANGHAI — Rebelling shareholders have turned on one of China's publicly traded companies, signaling a wider revolt against management excesses as stock prices slide.

China Vanke Co., which has complained from a sleepy office-equipment importer to a large real estate and stock concern in just a few years, is fighting a secession house that is trying to engineer a boardroom coup.

On Tuesday, the two sides took their battle to the Shanghai Securities News. Vanke management ran a front-page advertisement hinting at legal action and the brokerage, A & J Securities, defiantly proclaimed itself a champion of neglected shareholders.

The company has issued class B shares to foreign investors and class A shares to domestic buyers.

From its base in the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone, the company has pursued the real estate boom up the coast to Shanghai, Qingdao and other cities, developing luxury residential projects.

When it raided a Shanghai company last year, Vanke gained an image as a tough corporate player — a style reflected by top managers who surround themselves by young aides in double-breasted suits and dark glasses.

But as Vanke flexed its muscles, its share price languished. Its class B shares have rarely risen above their issue price.

Shareholders wondered whether the company was being run by professional managers with a long-term plan or by mavericks out for a quick profit.

Questions about Vanke's management style exploded in public last week, when A & J

Securities called a news conference to demand a company restructuring.

A & J, saying it was a proxy for four shareholders owning 10.73 percent of Vanke's equity, demanded the replacement of eight to 10 members of the 14-member board and a retreat to its core business. One of the four shareholders, Shenzhen New Generation Industry Co., later distanced itself from the board.

In its advertisement on Tues-

The discontent portends wider disappointment with Chinese corporate management.

day, Vanke claimed that rebels held a mere 3.17 percent of the company.

Nevertheless, brokers said the unprecedented boardroom challenge was a warning to many other listed companies that have followed Vanke's erratic profit path. With the Shenzhen and Shanghai stock markets slumping, investors have started to look above the bottom line. The Shanghai A-share index is now at its lowest level since last year and its Shenzhen counterpart is a deeper slump.

B-share investors, unimpressed by a string of average corporate results this year, are spooked by fears of national inflation and are in a generally gloomy mood because of a steep slide in Hong Kong share prices.

## Japan Posts Small Rise In Surplus

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

TOKYO — Japan's trade surplus edged up to a record in February, but the small rise from 12 months earlier indicated that export growth has stopped, a development that would help the government in its relations with the United States and other industrial countries.

The current account surplus, the wide measure of trade in goods and services, edged up 0.1 percent, to \$11.94 billion from \$11.93 billion in February 1993. The surplus actually declined in yen terms, reported by the government as 1.27 trillion yen in February, down 12 percent from 1.42 trillion yen a year earlier.

Economists said the yen figures were not widely followed, but they illustrated the so-called J-curve effect. Because the yen has been rising in value, largely a result of trade tensions between Japan and the United States, the dollar amount of exports rose even though fewer units were shipped.

The J-curve effect predicts that the rising cost of Japanese products will eventually reduce demand and thus unit shipments.

Whether this will happen was a subject of debate.

"There are no clear signs that the surplus will decrease from this given the slow economic recovery in Japan," an analyst at an American securities firm said. "The surplus will not start falling until the Japanese economy emerges from the current long-lasting recession."

But Mineo Sasaki-Smith of Morgan Stanley Securities Japan said: "It's a positive sign. The surplus is on the verge of turning a corner toward stability and gradual decline."

The long-term capital balance, which measures direct investment, trade credits, loans and securities transactions, posted a record surplus of \$17.4 billion, reversing a deficit of \$17.4 billion a year earlier.

The main factor behind the record surplus was foreign buying of Japanese stocks which hit a record of \$11.5 billion, surpassing the previous record of \$10.6 billion the previous month.

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But first they dismissed Mr. Askin, and hired a new manager for their investments.

The other investors, however, could not reach agreement. Their outside advisers — Trust Co. of the West, a large money management firm, and Clinton Group, another investment partnership with a market-neutral mortgage strategy — were having trouble pricing the portfolio. Then brokers started selling Mr. Askin's holdings.

Mr. Askin was bitter about the experience. "We were being threatened a lot," he said. "Some dealers sold our positions, but did not give us a lot of details. They forced our hands and made us walk off the plank."

The brokers were afraid that the value of their collateral would disappear and they would face huge losses.

In fact, however, when the brokers auctioned off Mr. Askin's holdings Wednesday and Thursday, the prices they received were higher than they had expected.

Yet now, as Mr. Askin sweeps up the remains of his business, and as the investors hire lawyers for the expected lawsuits, everybody involved is considering what lessons have been learned.

Most of them are variations on the simple truths that successful people often think they can transcend. For one, sophisticated strategies do not always work. And there is no replacement for a cushion of liquidity.

More simply perhaps, investors say that they should have figured that something was wrong with his promise of a 15 percent return with no risk.

"Maybe this sounds easy to say now," one disgruntled investor said. "If it looks too good to be true, maybe it is."

## Investor's Asia

Hong Kong	Singapore	Tokyo
Hang Seng	Straits Times	Nikkei 225
1300	250	2000
1200	200	1900
1100	150	1800
1000	100	1700
900	50	1600
800	0	1500
700	0	1400
600	0	1300
500	0	1200
400	0	1100
300	0	1000
200	0	900
100	0	800
0	0	700

Source: Reuters, AFP

## Very briefly:

Japan's Finance Ministry said net purchases of Japanese bonds by foreign investors totalled 776.0 billion yen (\$7.5 billion) in February, the highest on record, as government bonds in other markets suffered losses.

# NASDAQ

**Tuesday's Prices**  
NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time.  
This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000  
most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is  
updated twice a year.

**AMEX**

**Tuesday's Closing**  
Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. *Via The Associated Press*

**Sales Figures are unofficial. Yearly highs and lows reflect the previous 52 weeks plus the current week, but not the latest trading day. Where a split or other change in stock structure to 100 percent or more has been paid, the year's high/low range and dividend are shown for the new stock only. Unless otherwise noted, rates of dividends are annual disbursements based on the latest declaration.**

- b — annual rate of dividend *plus* stock dividend.
- c — liquidating dividend.
- cltd — closed.
- d — new yearly low.
- e — dividend declared or paid in preceding 12 months.
- f — dividend in Canadian funds, subject to 15% non-residence tax.

tax.

- 1—dividend declared after split-up or stock dividend.
- 1—dividend paid this year, omitted, deferred, or no action taken at latest dividend meeting.
- k—dividend declared or paid this year, an accumulative issue with dividends in arrears.
- n—new issue in the last 50 weeks. The high low range heading

n — new issue in the past 50 weeks. The high-low range begins with the start of trading.  
 nd — next day delivery.  
 P/E — price-earnings ratio.  
 r — dividend declared or Paid in preceding 12 months, plus stock dividend.

Stock dividend.  
 5—stock split. Dividend begins with date of split.  
 25—splits.  
 1—dividend paid in stock in preceding 13 months. Estimated cash value on ex-dividend or ex-distribution date.  
 U—new yearly high.  
 V—trading halted.

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VI—in bankruptcy or receivership or being reorganized under the Bankruptcy Act, or securities assumed by such companies.  
wd—when distributed.  
wf—when issued.  
ww—with warrants.

vw — with warrants.  
x — ex-distribution or ex-rights.  
sdis — ex-distribution.  
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# SPORTS

## Despite Record 3 Homers, Off Gooden, Cubs Still Lose

The Associated Press

Find a player with just five home runs in 280 big-league at-bats, give him a strong wind blowing out at friendly Wrigley Field, and what do you get?

How about a major league record: three homers in his first three at-bats of the season? Say hello to Karl Rhodes, who did the swinging while Hillary Clinton did the singing.

Still, it was a sad song for the Chicago Cubs, who couldn't manage to beat the New York Mets.

"I have to tell you I don't try to hit home runs," he said after joining George Bell as the only player

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ever to hit three homers on opening day. "I go up there and try to hit line drives."

He hit three off New York's Dwight Gooden, but the Mets had ton much offense of their own. They opened the season Monday with a 12-8 victory, spoiling the first lady's day.

Rhodes had opposite-field homers in the first, third and fifth innings, and Cubs fans littered the outfield with hats after his third.

"I saw the hats flying on the field, and I was told it was like a hat trick in hockey," the 25-year-old outfielder said. "I couldn't believe it. But if you know me, you know I'm low-key."

The first lady, who threw out the first ball, for her favorite team, was on-key when she and Chicago broadcaster Harry Caray — starting his 50th season behind the mike — harmonized in his ritual seventh-inning singing of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

"It was typical Wrigley Field," said Gooden, whose career record against the Cubs grew to 27-4 despite giving up seven runs on 11 hits in 5 2/3 innings. Gooden didn't get to face Rhodes — who also walked and got a single — a fourth time. Asked whether he had wanted to, Gooden laughed and said, "No, not in that situation, with the Cubs at home."

Jose Vizcaino, traded last week from the Cubs to the Mets for pitcher Anthony Young, and Todd Hundley hit consecutive home runs in the third inning off Mike Morgan. Jeff Kent, who had four hits off the New York fourth with a home run, Gooden had a bases-loaded single in a three-run fifth.

Reds 5, Cardinals 4: Ozzie Marge Schott, who refused to attend Cincinnati's loss to St. Louis on Sunday night because the game was played on Easter, saw the team get its first victory on a 10th-inning home run from Kevin Mitchell.

When the sports television network ESPN proposed a Sunday night season opener, Schott volunteered. But when she realized the date was Easter, she was appalled.

"You don't mess with a holy day," she said.

After Hector Carrasco pitched out of a bases-loaded threat in the top of the 10th, Mitchell homered off Rob Murphy.

John Smiley pitched five shutout innings, and Cincinnati got two run homers from Reggie Sanders and Joe Oliver. But the bullpen failed in the eighth.

Giants 8, Pirates 0: Matt Williams didn't seem to miss former teammate Will Clark as he homered in his first two at-bats against Zane Smith and finished with five RBIs.

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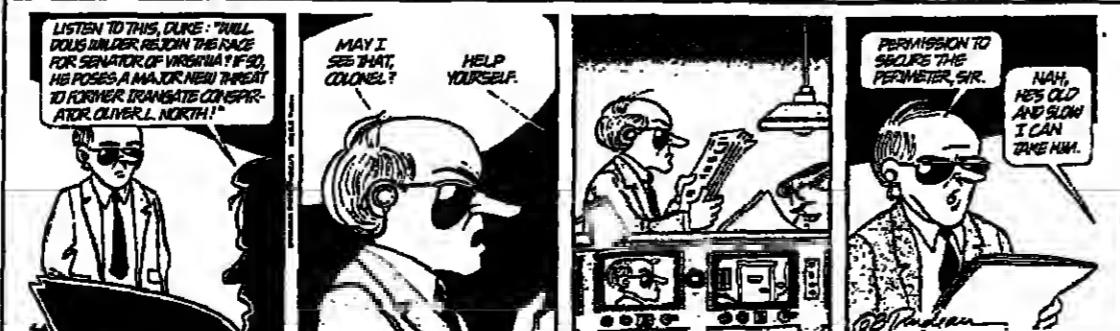
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## Blue Jays' Opener Painful for Chisox

The Associated Press

On a day when Randy Johnson almost made pitching history at new Jacobs Field in Cleveland, Carlos Delgado was a big hit at the SkyDome in Canada.

Delgado launched a 450-foot (134-meter) drive off a window of the Hard Rock Cafe in right field, leading the Toronto Blue Jays over the Chicago White Sox 7-3, on opening day Monday.

"He was kind of protecting the plate with two strikes on him," teammate Paul Molitor joked. "Wait 'til he really gets a hold of one."

Molitor, the World Series MVP, and the rest of the Blue Jays got their championship rings in a pre-game ceremony. Then Toronto put on another quality show.

Roberto Alomar hit a three-run homer with two out in the seventh off Cy Young Award winner Jack McDowell for a 4-2 lead. In the eighth, Delgado and Ed Sprague hit consecutive home runs.

"There's no doubt Robbie's hit was the big one," Molitor said. "It gave us the lead. But the guys are still talking about the one Carlos hit."

Delgado, a converted catcher playing left field, joined shortstop Alex Gonzalez as rookie starters for the champions. Even with a new lineup, Toronto trounced McDowell.

He was 0-2 with a 10.00 ERA against the Blue Jays in last October's AL playoffs. He is 3-7 in regular-season games against Toronto.

"That exact team hasn't been to

gather for my six years," McDowell said. "So it's nothing other than chance."

Frank Thomas, the AL MVP, went 2-for-4 and scored twice for Chicago. The White Sox, who won the AL West last season, lost their first game as members of the reconfigured AL Central.

Orioles 6, Royals 3: Rafael Palmeiro homered in his Baltimore debut and newcomer Lee Smith got the last out for a save as the Orioles won at home.

Mike Mussina was the winner.

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allowing one run on two hits in eight innings, before 47,549 fans, the largest crowd for a regular-season game at Camden Yards.

Mike Devereaux homered for the Orioles off loser Kevin Appier and ninth-place batter Jeffrey Hammonds added an RBI double.

Mike Macfarlane homered for Kansas City, which lost for the eighth time in nine openers. The Royals scored twice in the ninth and had two runners on base before Smith relieved and retired Dave Henderson on a grounder.

Indians 4, Mariners 3: Randy Johnson, who pitched a no-hitter in 1990, lost his no-hit bid in the eighth inning when Seattle trounced McDowell.

Sandy Alomar Jr. singled after a leadoff walk in the eighth for Cleveland's first hit. Manny Ramirez tied it at 2 with a two-run double.

Both teams scored in the 10th and the Indians won in the 11th when Eddie Murray doubled, advanced on a fly and scored on a two-out single off Kevin King.

Yankees 5, Rangers 3: Jimmy Key ran his record to 5-0 in openers, pitching into the eighth inning as New York won at home.

Joe DiMaggio threw out the first ball, and then the Yankee hitters took over. Danny Tartabull and Mike Stanley homered and Wade Boggs had four singles.

Key held Texas to five before doubles by Will Clark and David Hale finished him. Key became the first Yankee pitcher to win consecutive opening-day starts since Mel Stottlemyre won three straight in 1967-69.

Red Sox 9, Tigers 8: Orlis Nixon signed by Boston to add some speed, scored on a passed ball in the eighth inning to beat Detroit's Fenway Park.

The Red Sox won despite Roger Clemens giving up eight runs in 4 1/2 innings. Clemens broke Cy Young's team record with his seventh opening-day start, but could not hold the Tigers in his first game since the worst season of his career.

Boston rallied for three runs in the eighth against loser Storm Davis. Nixon drew a two-out walk, leading the bases and Billy Hatcher hit a two-run double that tied it at 8. With a 2-0 count, a high pitch went off catcher Mickey Tettleton's glove, allowing Nixon to score.

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Ken Griffey Jr., scoring in the eighth, bowled over Sandy Alomar Jr. before the catcher and his Indians ended up on top in the 11th.



Karl Rhodes hit three straight home runs off Dwight Gooden.

## Feller Frets, Then Throws His Best Hex

New York Times Service

CLEVELAND — For 54 years Bob Feller has sweated through each opening day, waiting to see if some pitcher would repeat a feat only he has ever accomplished: throwing a no-hitter in the first game of the season.

Never was that vigil more excruciating than Monday, as Feller watched Seattle's Randy Johnson come within five outs of duplicating the feat against the Cleveland Indians, the team Feller once pitched for.

Feller, 75, was among the 41,459 fans watching for seven and one-third as Johnson threatened to nudge his way into the record book alongside

Cleveland legend, whose opening-day no-hitter in 1940 against the Chicago White Sox in the old Comiskey Park was the first of three no-hitters Feller pitched in his Hall of Fame career.

That threat ended when Sandy Alomar, Jr., Indians catcher, hit a clean, one-out single to right.

"I was concerned, but I put the hex on him," said Feller, who was in position to witness the effort by Johnson because he had been invited to participate in first-ball ceremonies before the inaugural game at Jacobs Field.

Asked if he was sweating out the no-hitter bid, Feller said, "I have ever since 1940 because it's about the only record I've got left."



Harry Caray, the Cubs' announcer, and Hillary Clinton belted out "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

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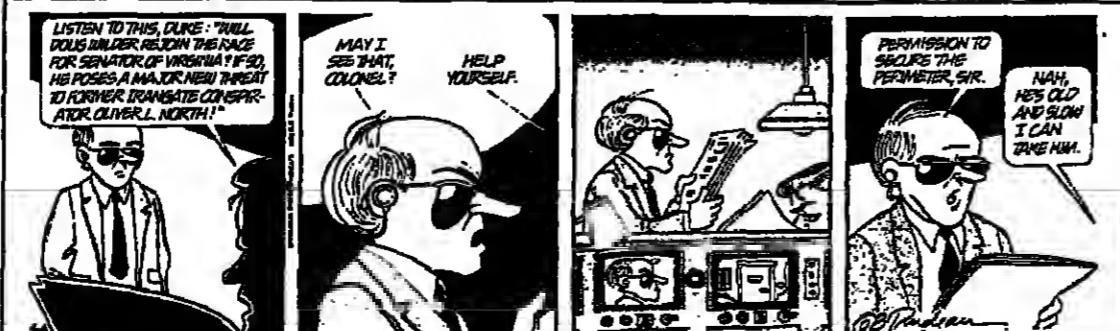
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## Placating UEFA Gets Havelange 6th FIFA Term

*Associated Press*

ZURICH — All five continental soccer federations agreed Tuesday to support Joao Havelange's bid for a sixth term as FIFA president, clearing the way for his re-election in June.

The European Football Union, UEFA, had put Antonio Matarrese, its vice president and president of the Italian federation, forward as a candidate but withdrew his name at Tuesday's meeting.

"We have guarantees that no places" in the World Cup "will be taken away from Europe and that they might add them," UEFA President Lemar Johansson said.

Havelange recently promised extra spots in future tournaments to Asia and North-Central America. UEFA feared that it would lose places at their expense.

Johansson said that it was his decision that Matarrese would not oppose Havelange "and this will be on my head."

UEFA's executive committee met last week in Barcelona to consider fielding a candidate, but said it would not announce its decision until Tuesday's meeting with the other continental soccer bodies.

Johansson, once considered a likely candidate, ruled himself out of the running.

Sepp Blatter, FIFA's general secretary, whose relations with Havelange are said to be strained, said he was "not a candidate and I will certainly never be a candidate against Mr. Havelange."

The decision to support Havelange was announced jointly by the presidents of the confederations representing Asia, Africa, North-Central America, South America, Europe and Oceania.

"Each president presented his point of view," said the 77-year-old Brazilian, who has been head of the governing body for 20 years. "An accord was found. This accord is unanimous."

He is credited with encouraging the sport by FIFA sponsorship programs in developing nations, for spreading its appeal to new audiences by staging this year's World Cup finals in the United States, and for turning the World Cup into a multimillion-dollar extravaganza.

But be shocked many by banning the soccer legend Pelé from the World Cup draw ceremony in Las Vegas last December.

Ricardo Teixeira, Havelange's son-in-law and a member of the FIFA executive board, has sued Pelé for his allegations of corruption in the Brazilian soccer league.

Blatter, a Swiss army colonel and public relations expert who has won widespread praise for the drive to make soccer more attractive, was openly upset by the ban on Pelé.

Then Havelange angered UEFA in particular by announcing at a meeting in New York that he had unanimous support for his re-election. The Europeans said later they had not asked him to stand for re-election.



Grant Hill, rebounding, fell hard 20 seconds into the game, dealing Duke its first blow.

## Arkansas's the Champ, 76-72, On a Shot That Bedevils Duke

By Malcolm Moran

*New York Times Service*

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina — At long, long last, Nolan Richardson and his Arkansas Razorbacks have earned their 40 minutes of heaven.

It may not have felt that way as the Duke Blue Devils took the Razorbacks into the final, two minutes of the national collegiate championship game. But the hard-earned signature ability of the Razorbacks to operate in the most stressful moments — a quality forged by the intense effort Richardson once named 40 minutes of something else — helped Arkansas win its first national championship, 76-72, over Duke on Monday night at Charlotte Coliseum.

After overcoming a 10-point second-half deficit, the Razorbacks began to feel a tingle in their grasp when sophomore Scotty Thurman broke a 70-all tie with a 3-point shot with 50.7 seconds to play. Thurman's shot — with Duke forward Antonio Lang lunging toward him with arms outstretched and the 35-second clock down to a single second — created a deficit the Blue Devils could not overcome.

Arkansas, 31-3, prevented Duke from winning a third title in four years and joining UCLA and Kentucky as the only schools to accomplish that feat. The Blue Devils, 28-6, lost a championship game for the fifth time, the most in the history of the tournament.

Corliss Williamson, the outstanding player of the tournament, scored a game-high 23 points for the Arkansas Grant Hill. Duke's first-team all-American, Hill to 12, more than 5 beneath his average. A night began for Hill with a painful tumble and crash landing on his lower back ended with his leading the Blue Devils with 14 rebounds. But a variety of defenses employed by the Razorbacks, including zones, man-to-man and double-teaming, restricted Hill to 4 of 11 shots and helped induce 9 of Duke's 23 turnovers.

They did a good job of getting the ball out of Grant's hands, Lang said.

"This game was not won or lost on one play or one missed shot,"

said Mike Krzyzewski, the Duke coach, who acknowledged the fatigue his players showed as early as the end of the first half. "They just had a little more firepower."

The difference, however, was small enough that President Bill Clinton, when asked by a pool reporter if he had been worried, said, "I was worried the whole week. I was worried to the very end."

The president, who sat in a private box at the rear of the lower level, visited both dressing rooms afterward.

Richardson, who had maintained throughout the weekend that his work and that of other African-American coaches had been underappreciated and his team's intelligence had not been recognized, was suddenly at the top of his profession.

Duke had won 18 of its last 19 tournament games, and the senior class of Hill, Lang and guard Marty Clark was particularly close to completing a third championship season in the ranks of college careers.

The Razorbacks made just 39 percent of their shots, the lowest total in their six tournament games.

But they held Duke to two field goals in the final 4:32. Hill got just one basket — a 22-foot 3-point shot that tied the score at 70-all with 1:30 to play — in the final 14:48.

Richardson called time out with 1:15 left. Then, as the shot clock ticked toward a violation, Thurman took a pass from junior center Dwight Stewart and squared himself for the shot.

He said that, at first, as he left his feet to avoid Lang's reach and release the shot, he thought the shot clock would run out.

"I had to get it over his arm," Thurman said. "He did get there. I just got it off quickly."

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